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'89 FLOWER SHOW WELCOMES CANADIAN SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE

The renowned Niagara Park's Commission School of Horticulture will send several of its top flight students to decorate the entrance to this year's Flower Show with a dazzling display of color entitled, "Kaleidoscope: The Wonderful World of Color". This theme display is sponsored by AT&T and the Government of Ontario, Ministry of Agriculture. For a hint of what lies in store, imagine a gargantuan kaleidoscope alive with light and color reflecting fabulous elevated beds of annuals on all sides.

Just beyond the entrance visitors will stroll through a spectacular house and garden setting created by our Central Feature exhibitor, **Waterloo Gardens of Devon and Exton**. The massive display will present color for all seasons beginning with spring displays of bulbs and perennials and finishing up with a colorful winter garden. **Roberts (Bo) and Linda Leboutillier**, proprietors of Waterloo, say the challenge of creating every display at the Flower Show is exciting but this year surpasses the rest in high expectations. Thousands of snapdragons, geraniums, lubelia, ageratum, impatiens and a host of other annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees will fill the display in a design that will be viewed from the inside looking out. Bo, who first became involved with the Flower Show 15 years ago, likens this year's effort to "building three Flower Shows at once. The winter garden will be the easiest to create in terms of forcing and the biggest challenge when it comes to displaying color. And, we'll have a few surprises in the winter garden that include, a lavish greenhouse and tips on planting for color in the winter landscape." Bo, Linda and a team of more

than a dozen landscapers, greenhouse growers and crew members will work for nine days at the Show to create this display that has been in the planning stages for almost 3 years. Of the effort, Bo says, "It's been a lot of fun and more importantly, we believe the great variety of plants in these gardens will benefit all who visit the Show."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER SHOW MEMBERS' TENT

Help us greet our special guests and fellow members by offering them refreshments in the Members' Tent during the Flower Show.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on our "hospitality crew" please call Janet Evans (215) 626-8261.

TRIPS ABROAD

PHS will sponsor two exceptional trips this spring, each with a different focus. In June **Jane Pepper** will travel to Germany to visit outstanding nurseries and private and public gardens. German horticulture sets many trends for the rest of the world to follow. In late April PHS members will explore private and public gardens in Holland and Belgium with **Betsy Gullan**.

To receive itineraries for either trip, please check the box on the reservation form.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Check your mailbox for your final renewal notice. If you have not renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible so that we're sure to include your name in the Flower Show ticket mailing the last week in January. In addition to Flower Show tickets, this mailing will include general Show information, spring activities list, and membership cards.

If you paid your dues but have not received your tickets by February 13, please call Linda Davis at (215) 625-8265.

Pepperpot

An everchanging roster of volunteers is one of the important ingredients in the Society's success. With them these volunteers bring solutions to existing challenges, new ideas and lots of energy to fire up me and other staff members.

At the heart of this volunteer corp is the Society's governing board the Council, a group of up to 40 men and women each of whom serves the Society for a three-year term with an option to renew for one additional term. Each of our officers, all of whom are elected by the Council, serve for a two-year term with the option to renew for one additional term.

For the past four years the Council has flourished under the watchful eye of chair **Robert S. Ryan** to whom we owe many thanks for his leadership. Our new chair, **Donald L. Felley**, has served as the Society's vice-chair for the past two years and is also president of the Neighborhood Gardens Association/A Philadelphia Land Trust, a new non-profit organization the Society helped found last year to assist in preserving neighborhood gardens and community-managed open space.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Don is a chemist with a doctorate in organic chemistry from the University of Illinois. With Rohm and Haas, the company Don joined following graduate school, he has travelled the world and lived with his wife June and family in France before returning to the corporate headquarters in Philadelphia in 1964. In 1978 he was elected president and chief operating officer of Rohm and Haas, a position he held until retirement in 1986.

When president of Rohm and Haas, Don participated in numerous city and community organizations, serving as chairman of the Greater Philadelphia First Corporation, as a director of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and

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Activities

January-February

LECTURE, MEETING

(Open without charge to all)

PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

Friday, January 20, 8 pm

Program: "Insects and Diseases",

Jeff Jabco

LECTURE: A GARDEN LOVER'S VIEW OF CHINA

Wednesday, January 11, 5:45-7:15 pm

Patricia Schrieber will share her experiences and slides from a recent horticultural exchange program in China. Patricia is program planning manager at Philadelphia Green, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's community outreach gardening program.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: GETTING STARTED WITH ROCK GARDENING

Saturday, January 14, 10 am-noon

Snow date: Saturday, January 21, 10 am-noon

Anita Kistler will discuss the essentials for successful rock gardening including site selection, soil preparation, placement of rocks, plant selection, care and culture of appropriate plants.

Anita is a long-time member of the American Rock Gardening Society and many other gardening societies. She does most of her own propagating and cultivates her own extraordinary gardens in West Chester.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

LECTURE: USE OF COLOR IN MONET'S GARDEN

Wednesday, January 18, 5:45-7:15 pm

Giverny was a painter's garden from which Claude Monet derived inspiration for studies of color and light. Monet's use of color in his original garden and the restoration changes that have evolved will be discussed in an illustrated talk by Elizabeth Murray, who worked at Giverny for a year.

Elizabeth Murray ran a successful landscape business in California and coordinated the San Francisco Landscape Garden Show in 1986 and 1987. She is the author of a garden calendar entitled "Monet's Passion" and cultivates a 2-acre garden in Bucks County.

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TWO LECTURES ON INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURE

PHS is pleased to welcome Dr. J. C. Raulston for two lectures on horticulture in Holland/Belgium and Germany. Dr. Raulston is professor at North Carolina State University and director of its arboretum. He travels extensively and is well-acquainted with gardens, plants, and commercial horticulture industries throughout Holland, Belgium, and Germany.

HORTICULTURE IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

Wednesday, January 25, 5:45 pm

The Dutch and Belgian horticultural industries excel in developing new markets and promoting new plants. The Dutch are the first to import and export new plants, and Holland has become the world's center for plant production, distribution, and marketing. Bulbs and cut flowers are only part of the appeal; plants and their landscape uses considered fresh and new in American gardens have often existed in Dutch and German gardens for many years.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

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HORTICULTURE IN GERMANY

Thursday, January 26, 5:45 pm

The Germans are technical innovators and this is reflected in their commercial production and private and commercial development of outstanding plants. German gardens are the most innovative in garden style; their new technology and new varieties set the trends that are embraced in other parts of the world.

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Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

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HERBACEOUS BORDER DESIGN

Wednesday, February 8, 10 am-2:30 pm

Judy Glattstein's four-hour class on herbaceous border design will explore color and plant combinations. Discussions will include: combining plants in a border for aesthetic effect; different plant categories to be combined; seasons of bloom; value of seed head or fruit. We'll see the same plant in different situations and hone our perceptions of how color and texture behave in combination.

Ms. Glattstein is a lecturer, author, and landscape consultant from Wilton, Connecticut.

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$17 members; \$20 guests

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2 pm____ 6 pm____

**DEMONSTRATION: ARRANGING
WITH COLOR**

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**LECTURE: CREATIVE FENCES
AND WALLS**

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**PANEL: PLANT REGISTRATION
AND PATENTS**

Attending____

☐ Please send more information on Spring 1989 trip to ____Holland/Belgium
or ____Germany.

☐ I would like to help in the Flower Show Membership/Information Booth

☐ I would like more information on new Flower Show Video

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**PANEL DISCUSSION: PLANT
REGISTRATION, PATENTS, AND
TRADEMARKS**

Tuesday, February 21, 7 pm

A knowledgeable panel of professionals will explore the world of plant registration, patents, and trademarks from the viewpoints of a lawyer, wholesale grower, and plant breeder. This public

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chairman of a special task force that studied Philadelphia's ports. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Abington Memorial Hospital and on the Chairman's advisory Group of the World Affairs Council.

We keep Don pretty busy around 325 Walnut Street with Society and Land Trust business, but he still finds time to play tennis, ski and serve on the boards of the University of Illinois Foundation and the Maison de la Chimie in Paris and to tend his apple orchard in upstate Pennsylvania.

Working with Don will be two vice-chairs, **Morris Cheston, Jr.** and **Barbara Heckert**. Morris chaired the 1988 Flower Show Preview Dinner and is a partner in the law firm of Ballard Spahr, Andrews and Ingersoll. He's active in many civic organizations and is a director of the Zoological Society of Philadelphia, a member of the Board of Managers of Pennsylvania Hospital and as a director of The Mutual Assurance Company. In addition to gardening, Morris and his wife Cynthia do a little farming in Montgomery County, with pigs and chickens as their key producers.

Babs Heckert was born in Kentucky and has lived near Unionville for 25 years. A member of The Seedlings garden club, she became active in PHS programs through the Harvest Show in the early 70s when she and her husband Dick produced some marvellous exhibits from their large-scale vegetable garden. Later, she chaired the Show and has served on the Awards, Exhibits and Nominating committees. She serves on the boards of the John Bartram Association, Chester County Hospital, the Delaware Symphony and Wilmington's Grand Opera.

Jane
Jane G. Pepper
President

Activities

PANEL DISCUSSION (*continued*) service program is geared towards professionals developing new cultivars, the amateur (hobbyist) who has developed a new variety, and to anyone who has found a sport or a new plant and is uncertain about ways to protect it and, at the same time, benefit from its introduction.

Bill Elliott, a lawyer with Synnestvedt and Lechner and a specialist in plant

patents and trademarks, will discuss the legal ins and outs of applying for and using patents, costs, timing, and benefits derived. **Steve Hutton**, president of Conard-Pyle, will talk about options for the plant breeder who wants to market his new plant emphasizing realistic aspects of new plant production, marketing, and distribution.

Rick Lewandowski, curator for horticultural research at the Morris Arboretum, will discuss the initial plant registration, and sometimes final steps for those developing new plants. Rick will outline reasons and procedures for registering plants from a public garden's perspective.

Program will begin promptly at 7 pm for about one hour, followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

Although there is no charge for this program, reservations are required to assure ample seating. Please use the reservation form on page three.

New in Library

American gardens, Peter Loewer, 1988.

Annuals and bedding plants, Graham Rice, 1986.

The backyard vegetable factory, Duane Necomb, 1988.

The bonsai book of practical facts, Jerome Meyer, 1988.

The book of fresh flowers, Malcolm Hillier, 1988.

Cooking from the garden, Rosalind Creasy, 1988.

Cooking with flowers, Jenny Leggatt, 1987.

Garden style, Penelope Hobhouse, 1988.

Japanese garden construction, Samuel Newsome, 1988.

My weeds, Sara B. Stein, 1988.

The new seed-starters handbook, Nancy Bubel, 1988.

Rodale's garden insect, disease and weed identification guide, Miranda Smith and Anna Carr, 1988.

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FLOWER SHOW TREASURES

A richness exists at the Philadelphia Flower Show that surpasses the splendor of even the most extravagant floral displays. It is the feeling of family-exhibitors, volunteers, members and staff who have worked year after year to create a horticultural showcase for the world.

The Flower Show family like all other families, has a history filled with bright moments and darker times and, fortunately, with people who had the foresight to see us through the latter. 1989 marks the 25th anniversary of PHS' management of the Flower Show. Prior to 1964, the Show was run by Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc. When management was turned over completely to PHS, the budget was lean, and it was the Flower Show family that kept things rolling through thick and thin.

Happy Anniversary to all of you who have joined us in this labor of love. You are PHS' Flower Show treasures.

FLOWER SHOW TIPS '89

This year's big event Kaleidoscope: The Wonderful World of Color promises to be an exciting adventure into the world of floral color. To enjoy a leisurely visit to the Show we encourage you to take a look at the check list below prior to making your trip.

- ✓ Wear comfortable shoes — the Flower Show covers six acres.

- ✓ If you do not plan to attend the Members Preview on Saturday, try to plan your visit for Monday evening March 6 or later in the week between 3 and 6 pm when crowds are smaller.
- ✓ Plan to spend between three and four hours at the Show. You won't want to miss anything major or mini.
- ✓ If possible, take public transportation. A SEPTA shuttle bus will take you from 30th Street Station to the Civic Center and back again for a small fee. Call SEPTA information for other route and fare information, (215) 574-7800.
- ✓ If you plan to drive, Valet Parking is available across the street from the Civic Center for a fee of \$10.00.
- ✓ And finally, bring a large shopping bag - there's a ton of garden goodies in the Flower Show Market Place.

Pepperpot

The PHS mailbag often brings surprises, such as the package I received a couple of months ago including a will and a check. Also enclosed was a touching note from a widow, explaining that her husband had left a donation to PHS with grateful thanks for all the visits to the Philadelphia Flower Show he and his wife had enjoyed. Thank you good friend.

Thanks from the Flower Show also to AT&T, once again a Show sponsor, in support of the entryway kaleidoscope.

When we first invited AT&T to participate in the Show several years ago, we were delighted to find that **Walt Fisher**, company vice president, had been an active exhibitor in the competitive classes for several years. For the '88 Show, when Walt was working in North Jersey, he

managed to force 78 pots of bulbs for competition. Last fall Walt retired and built a new coldframe allowing him to nearly double his bulb entries. By 1992, we figure Walt will be forcing for the central feature.

In addition to participating in the entryway exhibit, AT&T has sponsored the production of a brochure on color in the garden. Be sure to pick up a copy at the Show.

We're also grateful to the **Margaret Dorrance Strawbridge Foundation** for assisting us in the production of the atriums, the exciting new garden class, "Let the Sun Shine In." **Mary Jo Strawbridge**, garden class chair, reports that the following clubs will exhibit: The Gardeners, Greene Countrie Garden Club, Penn Valley Garden Club and West Chester Garden Club.

We're also pleased to welcome the **Mercedes-Benz Authorized Dealers of Delaware Valley** as the sponsors of the Florist Invitational exhibit. Last year, as our first experiment with this class, we welcomed ten local flower shops with magnificent floral arrangements. This year, look out for the Florist Invitational exhibit at the foot of the escalator.

Last but not least, thanks go to two good friends who are sponsoring portions of the Preview Dinner on March 4th. **First Pennsylvania Bank** will provide the floral decorations for Convention Hall and some 200 table arrangements, and the **Pepsi Cola Bottlers of the Delaware Valley** and **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Honickman** have generously provided a donation and assistance with the Preview Dinner cocktail party.

Thanks to all our sponsors for giving us that little edge to make this a very special event.

Jane

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Activities

February-March

Special Events

MEMBERS' PREVIEW, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, March 4, 12:30-3:30 pm

Members may use their tickets for the Members' Preview on Saturday, March 4, 12:30-3:30 pm, or any other day, March 5-12.

If you wish to bring a guest for the Preview, there is a charge of \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Preview tickets are available at PHS or at the Civic Center on March 4.

Life members will receive a weekly pass and one member's ticket. Individual members receive one ticket each; family and contributing members, three tickets; sustaining members ten tickets. Those families with more than three members living under one roof who want additional tickets for children under the age of 21 should apply in writing, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jane G. Pepper, President, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106-2777. Please state the names and ages of all family members and the number of additional tickets needed. **No tickets will be mailed unless all of the above conditions are met.**

Advance sale tickets are available at the PHS reception desk and at many local garden centers and nurseries and through Ticketmaster: \$8.25 for adults (\$9 at Show); \$4.50 for children under 12 (same price at Show). Ticketmaster prices will be slightly higher to accommodate handling charges.

MEMBERS' LOUNGE, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Sunday, March 5-Sunday, March 12

A quiet oasis does exist at the Philadelphia Flower Show. PHS members are invited to the Members' Lounge in the Hospitality Tent to relax with a cup of coffee or tea. The Members' Lounge is open each day Sunday through Sunday from noon-4 pm. To gain entry, please bring your membership card, which was mailed with your Flower Show tickets in late January.

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**LECTURE/WORKSHOP: AN
APPROACH TO WEDDING DESIGN**
Tuesday, March 14, 10 am-1 pm

Priscilla Gene Shaffer will repeat this program for members who are interested in doing wedding design as a business or hobby. Discussions will include basic information about the business side of wedding work: purchasing and conditioning flowers, planning the complete project, budgeting time, and pricing. Discussions of the aesthetic aspects will

include design shapes, color, scale, and mechanics. Each participant will arrange an attendant's bouquet from fresh flowers and materials provided.

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Program limited to 15. Fee: \$33 members; \$36 guests

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**PLANNING A PERENNIAL
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Members \$43 _____ Guests \$46 _____
9:30 am _____ 1 pm _____

DESIGNING A KNOT GARDEN

Members \$20 _____ Guests \$24 _____

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**PANEL DISCUSSION: PLANT
REGISTRATION, PATENTS, AND
TRADEMARKS**

Tuesday, February 21, 7 pm

A knowledgeable panel of professionals will explore the world of plant registration, patents, and trademarks from the viewpoints of a lawyer, wholesale grower, and plant breeder. This public service program is geared towards professionals developing new cultivars, the amateur (hobbyist) who has developed a new variety, and to anyone who has found a sport or a new plant and is uncertain about ways to protect it and, at the same time, benefit from its introduction.

Bill Elliott, a lawyer with Synnestvedt and Lechner and a specialist in plant patents and trademarks, will discuss the legal ins and outs of applying for and using patents, costs, timing, and benefits derived. **Steve Hutton**, president of Conard-Pyle, will talk about options for the plant breeder who wants to market his new plant emphasizing realistic aspects of new plant production, marketing, and distribution.

Rick Lewandowski, curator for horticultural research at the Morris Arboretum, will discuss the initial plant registration, and sometimes final steps for those developing new plants. Rick will outline reasons and procedures for registering plants from a public garden's perspective.

Program will begin promptly at 7 pm for about one hour, followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

Although there is no charge for this program, reservations are required to assure ample seating. Please use the reservation form on page three.

Trips Abroad

JOIN US FOR ADVENTURE IN THE LOW COUNTRIES

PHS invites you to join us for two unique trips planned for Spring 1989. We'll visit outstanding private and public gardens and museums in Holland and Belgium from April 27-May 11. Starting in Amsterdam, we'll travel to Apeldoorn, Kerkrade, Brussels, Brugge, Scheveningen and The Hague with landscape architect Arend Jan van der Horst as our guide. We'll explore the Low Countries as we learn about the bulb and cut-flower industries and enjoy wonderful private gardens and hospitality. Yes, we'll see the bulbs and so much more . . .

We'll be home long enough to catch our breath, view our slides, and pack our bags before departure for Germany, a horticultural mecca where many outstanding perennials and innovative garden trends have originated. Travelling south from Frankfurt, we'll visit Weisbaden, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Stuttgart, Freiburg - im-Breisgau, Lindau, and Munich. Southern Germany is the land of fairy-tale castles, impressive public and private gardens, good food, and extraordinary sights. **June 5-June 19**

Please join us for one or both trips. We're saving a space for you.

To receive detailed itineraries, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form.

New in Library

The complete book of cut flower care, Mary Jane Vaughan, 1988.

A countryman's bed book, Roy Barrette, 1987.

Gardens of paradise, John Brookes, 1987.

A history of horticulture in America to 1860, Ulysses Prentiss Hedrick, 1988.

The latest country gardens, George Plumptre, 1988.

Lilacs: the genus syringa, John L. Fiala, 1988.

The magic of kew, James Bartholomew, 1988.

Old garden roses and selected modern hybrids, Josh Westrich, 1988.

Patio roofs and gazebos, Sunset, 1988.

Private gardens of Scotland, James Truscott, 1988.

Rodale's garden problem solver, Jeff Ball, 1988.

Tree Maintenance, 6th ed., Pascal P. Pirone, 1988. (reference book)

A view from a window, Heather Angel, 1988.

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Pepperpot

As we roll into the final stages before opening the '89 Flower Show, I wanted to acknowledge the Society's gratitude to two key volunteers, who complete their terms as chair of the Flower Show Executive Committee and chair of the Competitive Classes at the close of this Show.

Herb Clarke's first official connection with the Society was as honorary chair of the City Gardens Contest in the early '80s. We soon realized that Herb wasn't interested in a traditional "honorary" role. Instead of just showing up once a year to give away the prizes, Herb participated actively in brownbag lunches and early morning planning sessions. The next year we dropped the honorary title and asked Herb if he would join the Council and the Flower Show Executive Committee, both of which he did with such enthusiasm that we later asked him if he would chair the committee for the '87 Show.

During that and subsequent Shows, Herb has proved to be a wonderful supporter. It's not easy to fit the Show's activities into his schedule as weathercaster for WCAU-TV, Channel 10 because he rarely gets to bed before the wee hours, by which time most show volunteers and exhibitors have already enjoyed several hours sleep. But during Show week he's up with the rest of us larks, appearing at the Civic Center in the early morning to rally exhibitors, to chair a meeting or lead a tour, and frequently he will return again in the early evening to open his daily weather report from the Show.

As his term as Show chair comes to an end, Herb has stated his desire to stay involved and you can be sure we're going to take him up on that offer.

Betsy Gray, chair of Competitive Classes for the '88 and '89 Shows, is another trooper who has spent countless hours helping the Show. Betsy started on the Staging Committee in the Horticult

where flexibility and creativity are key attributes for good stagers as they juggle the entries and allotted spaces, praying that a giant azalea or a huge hanging basket doesn't appear unannounced at the last minute, just as the committee is trying to get the area set for judging.

Betsy proved to have the qualities for a perfect stager, along with lots of others and we're deeply grateful to the effective job she's done in leading the team of nearly 500 volunteers who make it all run smoothly in the Competitive Classes.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If you are a member of RHS wondering what to do with the tickets they send you each year to the Chelsea Flower Show, please consider sending them on to PHS. Each year, several of our members call to ask if the Society has tickets for Chelsea. We do—but just a couple and they're snapped up early. If we get extra tickets, we place them on file in the Library and they are always called upon by other members. If you have tickets to offer, please send them to Janet Evans, Librarian at PHS.

AZALEA SEEDS AVAILABLE

Seeds of Exbury hybrid deciduous azaleas have been donated by an anonymous PHS members.

Since the plants are open-pollinated, the color cannot be determined until they bloom about 4 years after germination.

The first 30 people to write to PHS, c/o Lisa Stephano, will receive a gift envelope of azalea seeds to plant about 50 square inches of surface.

Along with your seed packet, you will receive a copy of the 1980 *Green Scene* article, Growing Deciduous Azaleas from Seed.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RECOGNIZED

The Board of Directors of the American Rock Garden Society presented the Award For Service to **Charlotte** and **Alan Slack** recently for their distinguished service in the Delaware Valley Chapter.

Charlotte and Alan are long time members of the ARGS and PHS. Their contributions as propagators of all kinds of plant materials have contributed greatly to ARGS' plant sales and PHS' plant dividend and their respective talks and workshop have inspired many. Charlotte and Alan are regular exhibitors and blue ribbon winners of several classes in the Flower Show.

New in the Library

All about landscaping, Ortho Books, 1988.

The art of the kitchen garden, Ethne Clarke, 1987.

Gifts and crafts from the garden, Maggie Oster, 1988.

A heritage of roses, Hazel Le Rougetel, 1988.

Home Landscaping, Elizabeth Murray, 1988.

The house and garden book of English gardens, Peter Coats, 1988.

On flowers, Kathryn Kleiman, 1988.

Pergolas, arbours, gazebos, follies, David Stevens, 1987.

Social gardens, Charlotte M. Frieze, 1988.

Vertical gardening, Caroline Boisset, 1988.

Water gardens, Roddy Llewellyn, 1987.

Wreaths, Richard Kollath, 1988.

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Elizabeth Murray ran a successful landscape business in California and coordinated the San Francisco Landscape Garden Show in 1986 and 1987. She is the author of a garden calendar entitled "Monet's Passion" and is working on a book about Giverny.

This is a repeat of the January program that filled so quickly.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6.00 members; \$8 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

WORKSHOP: PROPAGATING HERBS

Wednesday, April 5, 10 am-noon

The focus of this workshop is propagating herbs, but the procedures are applicable to the propagation of other herbaceous perennials. **Yvonne Giunta** of Giunta's Herb Farm in Honey Brook will demonstrate herb propagation by division and by cuttings. Discussions will include five types of roots and how to handle them, soil mixes, and tips for successful propagation.

Each participant will need clippers and a box or bag to transport eight small pots.

Fee: \$21 members; \$24 guests. Limited to 25 participants.

WORKSHOP: PLANTING AN ENGLISH TROUGH

In West Chester

Monday, April 10, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Tuesday, April 11,
10 am-noon

Anita Kistler, propagator and rock gardener extraordinaire, will teach the ins and outs of planting and maintaining a garden trough. Each participant will receive seven plants, including a conifer. Registrants must bring a trough, or a clay saucer at least 4" deep, or a redwood box.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee of \$30 for members and \$35 for guests includes all materials except the trough or container.

BASIC ANIMAL TOPIARY WORKSHOP: TEDDY BEAR

Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Create a small animal topiary that will be happy on a windowsill or on your patio. **Betsy Nutt** and **Becky McBrien**, experienced instructors of topiary techniques, will teach how to design, shape, plant (using *Ficus pumila*), and maintain small animal topiaries. This year's design will be a teddy bear.

Bring pliers, wire cutters, and a cardboard box or tray at least 18" square to

transport completed project. All other materials will be supplied. Limited to 12 participants.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$34 members; \$39 guests

LECTURE: FRAGRANCE IN THE GARDEN

Tuesday, April 11, 5:45-7:30 pm

Fragrance is frequently an integral part of our enjoyment of a garden, and this illusive element can happen by design, not by chance. **Holly Shimizu** of the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., will talk about fragrance—what it is, how it affects us, how to add fragrance to a garden by using trees, shrubs, perennials, biennials, and annuals that grow well in the Philadelphia area. The focus will be fragrant plants, plant combinations, and extending fragrance through the seasons.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: OLD ROSES—THEIR HISTORY AND PLACE IN THE GARDEN TODAY

Thursday, April 13, 5:45-7:30 pm

Hazel Le Rougetel, English garden designer, lecturer, and writer, will journey to PHS to talk about classic roses, their history, and their uses in today's gardens. Le Rougetel will offer advice on creating rose gardens, companion plants, and even growing roses in containers. Her own garden is in Hampshire, England where she has an outstanding collection of old roses.

A limited number of autographed copies of Le Rougetel's beautiful new book, *A Heritage of Roses*, will be available at PHS this evening.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: NATURALIZING BULBS

In Hatboro, PA

Monday, April 17, 10 am-noon

Kitty Lapp's "Tupenny Meadows" is an idyllic spot with thousands of naturalized daffodils growing among companion wildflowers in deciduous woods. Kitty will discuss naturalizing bulbs, how to get started, tips on planting, tools easily used, bulb sources, and best varieties.

Kitty Lapp has been naturalizing bulbs

for many years as a hobby in addition to being a keen gardener, a PHS 18th Century Garden volunteer, and a member of the PHS Library Committee.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April.

Program limited to 20. Fee: \$12, members

WORKSHOP: VICTORIAN FLOWER ARRANGING (Intermediate level)

**At The Highlands, Ft. Washington, PA
Tuesday, April 18, 9:45 am-noon**

Accomplished arranger **Audrey Nichols** will teach the Victorian style of arranging, emphasizing appropriate containers and flowers. Discussion will

include flowers grown in this area during Victorian times and Victorian attitudes towards them.

Participants will complete one arrangement and will need clippers and a box to transport the finished project. All other materials will be provided.

Audrey Nichols has a background in the decorative arts and has her own flower design business.

Because the emphasis of this program is on style, not arranging principles, the class is not appropriate for beginning arrangers.

Travel directions to The Highlands will be mailed in early April.

Fee: \$42 members; \$45 guests

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Members \$12____

VICTORIAN ARRANGING

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LECTURE: SEASHORE GARDENING

Members \$6____ Guests \$8____

AT-HOME SERIES: SPRING GARDENING PRACTICES

Members \$12____

COMBINATION GARDENS

members \$35____ Guests \$38____

PRUNING SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

Members \$15____ Guests \$17____

ARRANGING FOR BEGINNERS: MAY BASKET

Members \$33____ Guests \$36____

AT-HOME SERIES: ROCK GARDENING

Members \$12____

FIELD TRIP: WALDOR ORCHIDS AND FISCHER GREENHOUSES

Members \$22____ Guests \$25____
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GARDEN VISITS: CHESTER COUNTY TO WILMINGTON

Members \$2____ Guests \$5____

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LECTURE: SEASHORE GARDENING

Tuesday, April 18, 5:45-7:30 pm

Horticulturist **Antoinette Serrell** will share her knowledge and experiences of gardening in Montoloking, NJ, a barrier reef with the ocean to the east and the bay on the west. Discussion topics will include microclimates and peculiarities of gardening at the seashore, what will grow near the bay and the ocean, indigenous plants and their uses, an alternative to grass lawns, protection of plants, and container gardening.

Serrell gardens in the Valley Forge area and Montoloking, NJ, writes and lectures on various horticultural subjects, and is technical advisor to Thompson and Morgan Seed Company.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: SPRING GARDENING PRACTICES

In Honey Brook, PA

Wednesday, April 19, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Friday, April 21, 10 am-noon

Twenty-five PHS members are invited to visit **Yvonne Giunta's** garden for a hands-on program on spring gardening practices, procedures to help insure attractiveness, efficiency, and abundant bloom for the rest of the growing season. Yvonne will discuss general clean-up,

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fertilizing, several methods of staking, edging, revitalizing the plant border, division of hardy perennials, and routine garden maintenance.

Yvonne Giunta's garden has woody trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials as well as a natural pond and a bog.

Participants will need clippers and appropriate shoes and clothing. Travel directions will be sent in early April.

Fee: \$12, members

WORKSHOP: COMBINATION GARDENS

Thursday, April 20, 10 am-noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Nanci K. Walsh, retail manager at Meadowbrook, will teach how to create combination gardens, which blend blooming and foliage plants in decorative baskets or other containers.

Discussion will include techniques for creating combination gardens, tips on when, what, and how to plant for longer lasting arrangements, and use of house plants for greater versatility.

All materials (plants plus basket) will be supplied. Each participant will complete one project using annuals for summer bloom.

Travel directions to Meadowbrook Farm will be mailed in mid-April.

Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

PRUNING SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

Saturday, April 22, 10 am-noon
At Chanticleer in Wayne

Horticulturist **Peter Brindle** will demonstrate basic pruning for trees, shrubs, and roses. Discussions are aimed at the homeowner who needs information about proper tools and their uses, timing, and techniques.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April.

Program limited to 20 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP: MAY BASKET FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesday, April 26, 9:45 am-noon

Step into flower arranging and gain confidence with experienced arranger **Audrey Nichols**, who will show how to create a May basket, a light and airy mass arrangement. Discussion will include elements and techniques of effective arranging.

Participants should bring clippers and a

box to transport completed arrangement. All other materials will be supplied.

Fee: \$33 members; \$36 guests.

Program limited to 15.

AT-HOME SERIES: ROCK GARDENING

West Chester, PA

Saturday, April 29, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Saturday, May 20, 10 am-noon

PHS members are invited to visit **Anita Kistler**, expert propagator and rock gardener, in West Chester, PA. Anita manages her sizeable sunny rock gardens single-handedly and combines dwarf conifers with an extraordinary collection of alpine and rock garden plants, many of which she has propagated herself.

Anita will discuss the ins and outs of rock gardening, alpine and rock garden plants, and their culture.

Travel directions will be sent to participants in mid-April. Limited to 20 members.

Fee: \$12 members

FIELD TRIP: WALDOR ORCHIDS AND FISCHER GREENHOUSES

Linwood, NJ

Monday, April 24, 8:30 am-3:45 pm

Plant fanciers and orchid enthusiasts, please don comfortable clothes, pack your lunch, and fill your pockets for an interesting day at two retail greenhouses near Linwood, NJ. Our first stop will be Waldor Orchids, where **Walter Off** will take us in hand. After a tour of the greenhouses and an orchid-potting demonstration, Walt will lead us to the adjacent Brighton Farms, the largest supplier of cattleya cut flowers on the east coast.

We'll eat our brown-bag lunch at Fischer's Greenhouse and then tour the complex, including a production greenhouse. The Fischers specialize in gesneriads but also offer tropical plants and field azaleas.

Details of bus pick-up in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed in mid-April.

Fee: \$22 members; \$25 guests

GARDEN VISITS

Spring garden visits are among the most popular PHS activities because members can visit interesting and unusual gardens of fellow members. Gardens will be open to members on **Sunday, April 23**, in the Wilmington to Chester County area, 1-5 pm; **Sunday, May 7**, 1-5 pm, on the Main Line; and **Sunday, June 11**, 1-5 pm, in Bucks County.

After we receive your reservations by mail, we will send tags, maps, garden descriptions, and travel instructions.

Look for details and reservation forms for May and June garden visits in future issues of the PHS News.

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTER COUNTY—GREENVILLE—WILMINGTON

Sunday, April 23, 1-5 pm

Seven gardens open to PHS members and guests include a city property with garden rooms, a wildflower garden, daffodils in a plant collector's garden, greenhouses, a perennials nursery, a rock garden, and a look at wildflowers on the serpentine barrens.

Fee: \$2 per member; \$5 per guest

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JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW SALUTES EDUCATION

Geography, Science, Music and Math play a significant role in this year's spring competition. **Natalie Kempner**, Show chair, and her enthusiastic Committee have come up with the theme "It's Academic" which integrates the Show's artistic classes with scholastic subjects to create: a desk arrangement for the music teacher, a table arrangement for a foreign exchange student, hats from history, mobiles, a book marker, and scholarly scarecrows.

The Junior Flower Show is an excellent introduction to horticulture for the junior set. Hands-on projects such as garbage gardening teach children about the wonderful garden that exists in their own kitchens - citrus fruit seeds, root vegetable tops, sweet potatoes. And, there are more than a dozen other horticultural categories students aged pre-school through 12th grade can enter.

To receive a copy of the 1989 Exhibitor's Schedule, call (215) 625-8280. Send your completed registration blank to PHS by April 26. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, May 17 from 11 am-5 pm.

The Junior Flower Show will be held **Thursday and Friday, May 18-19, 9 am-5 pm and Saturday, May 20, 10 am to 2 pm** at the First Bank of the United States, 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. Special events will be held each day. Free admission.

TAKE A PEEK OVER THE FENCE AT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S BACKYARD

Jim LaRosa, chair of The City Garden's Contest committee, is looking for a few good gardeners to join his team of judges for this year's Contest.

Philadelphia's gardeners are a skillful, imaginative group growing many interesting sometimes unusual crops - cotton, tobacco and a fascinating variety of medicinal herbs along with an endless selection of vegetables, fruits and flowers. Judging only takes one day.

To receive more information, check the appropriate box on the reservation coupon or call Flossie Narducci at PHS (215) 625-8280.

THE CITY IN BLOOM

Springtime throughout the region is a time to rejoice but never so much as in the city neighborhood where empty lots once strewn with trash are now bursting with bloom.

One of this year's brightest "bloomers" is the Ile lfe Community Park in North Philadelphia. The garden has benefitted from many contributors including the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network and Philadelphia Green, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's community outreach horticultural program. The "blood, sweat and tears" of this effort however was contributed by the neighborhood's children, local artist Lily Yeh and neighborhood leader Joseph "Jo-Jo" Williams.

The garden started out as compacted clay, trash and glass. After clearing the lot, the children pushed wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow of black soil onto the site and gradually the garden began to emerge. Lily Yeh described the transformation as magical and although the garden is still in its initial stages, it has made a vast improvement in the local landscape - a colorful wall mural provides the backdrop for climbing ivy and a centerpiece sculpture of mosaic tile. The garden is a symbol of hope for the neighborhood, a place to relax and enjoy spring.

Pepperpot

By the time this edition of the News lands in your mailbox, we should be well into a big new project, relandscaping Fairmount Park's Azalea Garden, which was planted by the Society and given to the city in 1952. Those familiar with the Garden, located to the west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, know of its beautiful situation, but also that it's recently been in deplorable condition.

Last summer the Society Council decided that the Garden was to be the first project of a new Pennsylvania Horticultural Society program, Center City Green. Under the guidance of program manager Barbara Olejnik, we hired **Shusterman & Schiller** as design consultants. Over the winter they have worked with **William Mifflin**, Director, and **Jim Donaghy** and **Carol Gangewere** of Fairmount Park to nail down the design and prepare the bid package for this substantial renovation project. As the project designer, for Shusterman & Schiller, **Victoria Olin's** challenge is to maintain the graceful character of the Garden while extending the period of bloom beyond the traditional April/May splash of color.

The construction schedule was developed to accommodate appropriate planting times, so in early spring you'll see contractors laying water lines, preparing beds and planting trees and shrubs. Several of Victoria's design decisions were based on our desire to make the most of four large trees, one linden, one Japanese scholar tree and two elms that greatly enhance the landscape. Working with directions from Richard Campana, an elm specialist, we have treated the latter for Dutch Elm disease. So far the trees seem to be responding well and great precautions will be taken during construction not to damage these and other trees.

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Elizabeth Murray is the author of a garden calendar entitled "Monet's Passion" and is working on a book about Giverny.

This is a repeat of the January program that filled so quickly.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6.00 members; \$8 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

WORKSHOP: PROPAGATING HERBS Wednesday, April 5, 10 am-noon

Yvonne Giunta of Giunta's Herb Farm in Honey Brook will demonstrate herb propagation by division and by cuttings. Discussions will include five types of roots and how to handle them, soil mixes, and tips for successful propagation.

Each participant will need clippers and a box or bag to transport eight small pots.

Fee: \$21 members; \$24 guests. Limited to 25 participants.

WORKSHOP: PLANTING AN ENGLISH TROUGH

In West Chester

Monday, April 10, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Tuesday, April 11, 10 am-noon

Anita Kistler, propagator and rock gardener extraordinaire, will teach the ins and outs of planting and maintaining a garden trough. Each participant will receive seven plants, including a conifer. Registrants must bring a trough, or a clay saucer at least 4" deep, or a redwood box.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee of \$30 for members and \$35 for guests includes all materials except the trough or container.

BASIC ANIMAL TOPIARY WORKSHOP: TEDDY BEAR

Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Betsy Nutt and **Becky McBrien**, experienced instructors of topiary tech-

ques, will teach how to design, shape, plant (using *Ficus pumila*), and maintain small animal topiaries. This year's design will be a teddy bear.

Bring pliers, wire cutters, and a cardboard box or tray at least 18" square to transport completed project. All other materials will be supplied. Limited to 12 participants.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$34 members; \$39 guests

LECTURE: FRAGRANCE IN THE GARDEN

Tuesday, April 11, 5:45-7:30 pm

Holly Shimizu of the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C., will talk about fragrance—what it is, how it affects us, how to add fragrance to a garden by using trees, shrubs, perennials, biennials, and annuals that grow well in the Philadelphia area. The focus will be fragrant plants, plant combinations, and extending fragrance through the seasons.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: OLD ROSES—THEIR HISTORY AND PLACE IN THE GARDEN TODAY

Thursday, April 13, 5:45-7:30 pm

Hazel Le Rougetel, English garden designer, lecturer, and writer, will journey to PHS to talk about classic roses, their history, and their uses in today's gardens. Le Rougetel will offer advice on creating rose gardens, companion plants, and even growing roses in containers.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: NATURALIZING BULBS

In Hatboro, PA

Monday, April 17, 10 am-noon

Kitty Lapp will discuss naturalizing bulbs, how to get started, tips on planting, tools easily used, bulb sources, and best varieties.

Kitty has been naturalizing bulbs for many years as a hobby in addition to being a keen gardener, a PHS 18th Century Garden volunteer, and a member of the PHS Library Committee.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April.

Program limited to 20. Fee: \$12, members

WORKSHOP: VICTORIAN FLOWER ARRANGING

(Intermediate level)

**At The Highlands, Ft. Washington, PA
Tuesday, April 18, 9:45 am-noon**

Accomplished arranger **Audrey Nichols** will teach the Victorian style of arranging, emphasizing appropriate containers and flowers.

Participants will complete one arrangement and will need clippers and a box to transport the finished project. All other materials will be provided.

Audrey Nichols has a background in the decorative arts and has her own flower design business.

Because the emphasis of this program is on style, not arranging principles, the class is not appropriate for beginning arrangers.

Travel directions to The Highlands will be mailed in early April.

Fee: \$42 members; \$45 guests

LECTURE: SEASHORE GARDENING Tuesday, April 18, 5:45-7:30 pm

Horticulturist **Antoinette Serrell** will share her knowledge and experiences of gardening in Montoloking, NJ, a barrier reef with the ocean to the east and the bay on the west. Discussion topics will include microclimates and peculiarities of gardening at the seashore, what will grow near the bay and the ocean, indigenous plants and their uses, an alternative to grass lawns, protection of plants, and container gardening.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: SPRING GARDENING PRACTICES In Honey Brook, PA

Wednesday, April 19, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Friday, April 21, 10 am-noon

Twenty-five PHS members are invited to visit **Yvonne Giunta's** garden for a hands-on program on spring gardening practices, procedures to help insure attractiveness, efficiency, and abundant bloom for the rest of the growing season. Yvonne will discuss general clean-up, fertilizing, several methods of staking, edging, revitalizing the plant border, division of hardy perennials, and routine garden maintenance.

Participants will need clippers and appropriate shoes and clothing. Travel directions will be sent in early April.

Fee: \$12, members

WORKSHOP: COMBINATION GARDENS

Thursday, April 20, 10 am-noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA

Nanci K. Walsh, retail manager at Meadowbrook, will teach how to create combination gardens, which blend blooming and foliage plants in decorative baskets or other containers.

All materials (plants plus basket) will be

supplied. Each participant will complete one project using annuals for summer bloom.

Travel directions to Meadowbrook Farm will be mailed in mid-April.
Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

PRUNING SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

Saturday, April 22, 10 am-noon
At Chanticleer in Wayne

Horticulturist Peter Brindle will

demonstrate basic pruning for trees, shrubs, and roses. Discussions are aimed at the homeowner who needs information about proper tools and their uses, timing, and techniques.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April.

Program limited to 20 participants.
Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

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ARRANGING FOR BEGINNERS: MAY BASKET

Members \$33 _____ Guests \$36 _____

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Members \$12 _____

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENING IN THE WOODS

Members \$14 _____

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENING IN THE SHADE

Members \$8 _____

WORKSHOP: MAY BASKET (INTERMEDIATE)

Members \$34 _____ Guests \$38 _____

NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE HOME GARDEN

Members \$15 _____ Guests \$18 _____

WORKSHOP: NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP BASKET

Members \$125 _____ Guests \$130 _____

WORKSHOP: ARRANGING IN GLASS

Members \$39 _____ Guests \$43 _____

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: NEW SHRUBS FROM OLD WOOD

Members \$17 _____ Guests \$19 _____

FIELD TRIPS:

WALDOR ORCHIDS AND FISCHER GREENHOUSES

Members \$22 _____ Guests \$25 _____

Pick Up CC _____ HC _____

BARNES ARBORETUM

Members \$12 _____ Guests \$15 _____

MT. CUBA CENTER

Members \$10 _____ Guests \$12 _____

HARRISBURG GARDENS

Pick-up: CC _____ HC _____

Members \$34 _____ Guests \$37 _____

DUMBARTON OAKS, HILLWOOD

Pick-up: CC _____ HC _____

Members \$54 _____ Guests \$59 _____

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTER COUNTY TO WILMINGTON

Members \$2 _____ Guests \$5 _____

GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE

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☐ Flowering kale, 'Peacock White' ☐ Miniature Rose, 'Sunbird'
☐ Eggplant, 'Pink Bride'

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**FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP:
MAY BASKET FOR BEGINNERS**

Wednesday, April 26, 9:45 am-noon

Step into flower arranging and gain confidence with experienced arranger **Audrey Nichols**, who will show how to create a May basket, a light and airy mass arrangement. Discussion will include elements and techniques of effective arranging.

Participants should bring clippers and a box to transport completed arrangement. All other materials will be supplied.

Fee: \$33 members; \$36 guests.
Program limited to 15.

**AT-HOME SERIES: ROCK GARDENING
West Chester, PA**

Saturday, April 29, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Saturday, May 20, 10 am-noon

PHS members are invited to visit **Anita Kistler**, expert propagator and rock gardener, in West Chester, PA. Anita manages her sizeable sunny rock gardens single-handedly and combines dwarf conifers with an extraordinary collection of alpine and rock garden plants, many of which she has propagated herself.

Anita will discuss the ins and outs of rock gardening, alpine and rock garden plants, and their culture.

Travel directions will be sent to participants in mid-April. Limited to 20 members.

Fee: \$12 members

**AT-HOME SERIES:
GARDENING IN THE WOODS**

Newtown Square

Thursday, May 4, 9:30-noon

Roxie Gevan, PHS member and expert propagator, will tell how to plan and develop a controlled wildflower garden. This will be an on-site study of soils, exposures, and mini-climates with suggestions on how to create these special conditions to meet plant requirements. We will see various degrees of light and shade and consider the advantages and disadvantages of different mulches . . . all in half an acre of woodland garden.

Travel instructions will be mailed in late April. Limited to 15 members.

Fee: \$14 members

**AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENING
IN THE SHADE**

New Hope, PA

Saturday, May 6, 10 am or 11 am

Raindate: Saturday, May 13, 9 am or 10 am

David Benner's two acre garden in New Hope features mosses that are used as an alternative to grass in this shady garden.

David Benner is assistant professor in ornamental horticulture at Delaware Valley College. His garden has been featured in magazines and *Architectural Digest's* 1984 Gardens.

Because of restricted walking space, only ten members can tour the garden at one time. **Please indicate which tour you want — 10 am or 11 am.**

Travel directions will be mailed in late April.

Fee: \$8 members, limited to 10

**FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP:
MAY BASKET (Intermediate)**

Wednesday, May 10, 10 am-noon

Floral designer **Audrey Nichols** will guide you in making a basket handle from vines to complete your light, airy mass arrangement.

Audrey will emphasize mechanics, style, color, and flower conditioning.

Participants should bring clippers and a box to transport finished arrangement. All other materials will be provided.

Fee: \$34 members; \$38 guests

**NATIVE PLANTS FOR
THE HOME GARDEN**

Saturday, May 13, 9 am-noon

At Chanticleer in Wayne

Horticulturists **Elizabeth Sullivan** and **Peter Brindle** of Chanticleer, a private estate in Wayne, PA., will present a three-hour program on native plants for the home garden — trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials. Discussion topics include landscaping uses of native plants and their care and culture, pests and diseases.

Travel instructions will be mailed in late April. Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

**WORKSHOP: NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP
BASKET**

Wednesday, May 17, 10 am-4 pm

Martha Wetherbee, one of America's best known basketmakers, will journey to PHS to teach techniques for making the famous Nantucket lightship basket using splints she has gathered from northern New England brown ash trees in the old Shaker tradition.

The Nantucket lightship basket is 4½" high and 3¾" wide with a rim and handle. Martha guarantees that each participant will complete a basket during this 6-hour workshop. All materials will be supplied.

Bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$125 members; \$130 guests

**WORKSHOP: FLORAL DESIGN
IN GLASS**

Wednesday, May 24, 10 am-1 pm

Priscilla Gene Shaffer of Temple University, Ambler Campus, will explore the peculiarities of arranging with clear glass, the mechanics, and various approaches for creating unique arrangements. Each student will take home one completed arrangement plus ideas for using all those unused glass containers at home.

Participants should bring pruning shears, scissors, wire cutters, and a box to transport arrangement. Container and flowers will be supplied. Please bring a sandwich; beverages will be provided.

Fee: \$39 members; \$43 guests

**WORKSHOP: NEW SHRUBS FROM
OLD WOOD**

Saturday, May 27, 9:30-noon

An easy and foolproof method for increasing your collection of broad-leaved shrubs (including azaleas) has been developed by **Alan Slack**, PHS council member and experienced propagator. Participants will learn by doing, and all materials will be provided. However, if you want to propagate more of your favorite shrubs, bring branches that have been cut the morning of the workshop and placed in a polyethylene bag with some water. Sharing with other participants is encouraged.

Early May is the best time to look around your neighborhood to see varieties you might want to grow. Appropriate plants include leucothoe, azaleas, pieris, small-leaved rhododendrons, cotoneasters, and viburnums.

Fee: \$17 members; \$19 guests

**FIELD TRIP: WALDOR ORCHIDS AND
FISCHER GREENHOUSES**

Linwood, NJ

Monday, April 24, 8:30 am-3:45 pm

Our first stop will be Waldor Orchids, where **Walter Off** will take us in hand. After a tour of the greenhouses and an orchid-potting demonstration, Walt will lead us to the adjacent Brighton Farms, the largest supplier of cattleya cut flowers on the east coast.

We'll eat our brown-bag lunch at Fischer's Greenhouse and then tour the complex, including a production greenhouse. The Fischers specialize in gesneriads but also offer tropical plants and field azaleas.

Details of bus pick-up in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed in mid-April.

Fee: \$22 members; \$25 guests

BARNES ARBORETUM

Friday, May 5, 10 am-1 pm

PHS trips to the Barnes Arboretum are always among the most popular each year. Barnes Arboretum, situated on 12 acres in Merion, PA, has a notable collection of the best woody ornamentals for this zone.

Elizabeth Farley, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum, where the seasonal attractions include spring flowers, trees and shrubs.

Participants should bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Travel instructions will be mailed to participants in late April.

Fee: \$12 members; \$15 guests

MT. CUBA CENTER

Friday, May 12, 1-3 pm

Thirty PHS members and guests will tour Mt. Cuba Center, in Greenville, Delaware, on the private estate and home of Mrs. Lammot duPont Copeland. Knowledgeable guides will lead us through the wildflower garden areas and naturalistic plantings as pictured in *The American Women's Garden*. Over 100 kinds of wildflowers bloom in the spring along with native rhododendrons, mountain laurel, and fothergillas.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in late April.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

DAY IN HARRISBURG

Thursday, May 18, 8 am-5 pm

PHS members are invited to visit Villa Felicita, a private garden developed over fifteen years on the site of an abandoned farm. With a French country home as the centerpoint, gardens radiate in all directions and blend into island beds, transitional shrub areas, a woodland, and many theme gardens. In the 20-25 developed acres, there are more than 100,000 trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, and ground covers including a large number of specimen plants from the Bergman Rara Flora Collection.

Price includes round-trip bus transportation, box lunch at the garden, and late afternoon refreshments on the bus.

Details of bus pickup at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed in early May.

Fee: \$34 members; \$37 guests

DUMBARTON OAKS AND HILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, May 25, 7 am-7:30 pm

Our first stop will be the famous gardens of Dumbarton Oaks, designed by the noted landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand. The formal 10-acre gardens feature a series of garden rooms with plants chosen for beauty and year-round interest. Our special guided tour will include perennial borders, roses, peonies, fountains, pools, wrought iron and garden sculpture, specimen trees and shrubs.

After lunch at Hillwood we'll have a two-hour tour of the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, and silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch, all entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in mid-May. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$54 members; \$59 guests

GARDEN VISITS

Spring garden visits are among the most popular PHS activities because members can visit interesting and unusual gardens of fellow members. Gardens will be open to members on **Sunday, April 23**, in the Wilmington to Chester County area, 1-5 pm; **Sunday, May 7**, 1-5 pm, on the Main Line; and **Sunday, June 11**, 1-5 pm, in Bucks County.

After we receive your reservations by mail, we will send tags, maps, garden descriptions, and travel instructions.

Look for details and reservation forms for June garden visits in future issues of the PHS News.

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTER COUNTY—GREENVILLE—WILMINGTON

Sunday, April 23, 1-5 pm

Seven gardens open to PHS members and guests include a city property with garden rooms, a wildflower garden, daffodils in a plant collector's garden, greenhouses, a perennials nursery, a rock garden, and a look at wildflowers on the serpentine barrens.

Fee: \$2 per member; \$5 per guest

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Other Events

WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Spring Conference and Annual Meeting
Garden State Park
April 13

For information: (215) 783-0634

HADDONFIELD GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL HERB SALE

April 27, 10 am-4:30 pm
Haddonfield Historical Society
343 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ
Information: (609) 428-2652

HILL PHYSICK KEITH HOUSE

Plant Sale
321 S. 4th Street
April 28-30
For information: (215) 925-7866

FARMER'S ALMANAC 1989 FLOWER SHOW

Delaware Valley College, Student Union Building
Tuesday, May 2, 1:30-5 pm
Information: (215) 884-4048

PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB

Plant Sale
Tyler Arboretum
May 6
For information: (215) 565-3838

ANNUAL WILMINGTON GARDEN DAY

Tour of distinctive homes and gardens
May 6
For information: (302) 656-6628

SECOND ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR: VILLA FELICITA, HARRISBURG

Saturday, May 6
Information: (717) 531-6086
Reservation deadline: April 10

AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Show and Plant Sale
Plymouth Meeting Mall
May 6-7
For information: (215) 836-5467

SWARTHMORE GARDEN CLUB HERB SALE

Borough Hall (in front), Park Avenue, Swarthmore
May 13, 10 am-2 pm

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Garden Tour
June 4
For information: (215) 247-5777 or (215) 662-2454

HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA - PA HEARTLAND UNIT

7th Annual Herbal Delights Symposium
June 20-21
For information: (215) 921-7513

DELAWARE VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY

Flower Show Longwood Gardens July 9
For information: (215) 388-6741

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According to **Heidi Shusterman**, weed removal in the Azalea Garden will be a spring challenge because many "pernicious" perennial weeds such as knotweed have become well entrenched in the Garden. In some beds, close to the roots of the old trees, the contractors must hand cultivate rather than use systemic weedkillers.

By late April you will find several new shade trees in place including American lindens and red oaks, as well as flowering trees such as sweet bay and large-leaf magnolias (*Magnolia virginiana* and *M. macrophylla*); *Franklinia* (*Franklinia alata*), fringe trees (*Chionanthus virginicus*), fragrant snowbell (*Styrax obasica*) and Japanese stewartia (*stewartia pseudo camellia*). Several large-growing trees will be planted in the shrub beds along Kelly Drive to provide additional shade for the azaleas.

In selecting azaleas, Shusterman & Schiller have worked with Paul Meyer and Ann Rhoads of the Morris Arboretum and also with **Fred Galle**, garden consultant and formerly director of Callaway Gardens, Georgia, to incorporate plants such as *Rhododendron mucronulatum*, an early-blooming azalea native to Japan and late-blooming deciduous native azaleas such as *Rhododendron prunifolium* and *Rhododendron bakeri* to extend the season of bloom.

The Azalea Garden restoration has attracted a ground swell of support, beginning with two pruning days last spring when members of the **Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America** volunteered their time and skills. Earlier this year the Committee announced its intention to donate \$5,000 towards the planting of trees. **Conservation Projects, Inc.**, which has done a wonderful job of planting and beautifying Kennedy Boulevard from 20th to 30th Streets, has also made a planting donation of \$9,000.

A new feature in the Garden, "the icing on the cake" as Barbara Olejnik calls it, will be an entrance pergola with teak benches and bluestone sitting walls which will be generously contributed by **The McLean Contributionship** with a donation of \$31,000.

While a significant portion of the quarter million dollars needed for this restoration project will be funded through revenues raised through the Philadelphia Flower Show, we still have many "giving opportunities" as development officers call them, if members would like to make

a donation towards the restoration of this wonderful Garden. The opportunities range from large trees to benches and trash containers and I'd love to hear from you.

In a future issue of the News we'll comment on our plans for maintaining the Garden. They're ambitious and we're going to need your help here too.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

1989 HARVEST SHOW CHALLENGE

If there's still a little room in your spring garden plans, consider participating in this year's Harvest Show Challenge Class. The categories are: A flowering Kale - 'Peacock White', an Eggplant - 'Pink Bride', and a yellow miniature rose - 'Sunbird' (3" potted roses provided). A limited number of entries are accepted so please register early by calling Flossie Narducci at (215) 625-8280 or check the appropriate box on the reservation coupon on page three. Your seeds will be mailed to you along with growing instructions. Roses may be picked up at our Annual Garden Day, April 29 at Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center.

While you're still in a "challenging" mood, look over your Harvest Show Exhibitor's Schedule, which should arrive at your home any day now, and decide what other garden delights you'd like to enter in the Show. If you would like to receive an extra Schedule for a friend, please call Cheryl Monroe at (215) 625-8250.

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GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE Sunday, May 7, 1-5 pm

Seven Main Line gardens open to PHS members and guests offer a great variety in horticulture and design. From smaller gardens to large properties visitors will enjoy espaliers, specimen trees and shrubs, an old walled garden with boxwood, gardens featuring wildflowers and azaleas, rhododendrons in a hillside setting and in a plant collector's garden, an English park-like landscape, and a garden planted to attract birds.

Fee: \$2 per member; \$5 per guests

New in the Library

The backyard book, Rachel Carley, 1988.

The Cattleys and their relatives, Carl L. Withner, 1988.

Chinese penjing, Hu Yunhua, 1987.

The companion to roses, John Fisher, 1986.

The complete book of herbs, Lesley Bremnes, 1988.

Creating a Victorian flower garden, Stefan Buczacki, 1988.

The creative art of bonsai, Isabelle Samson, 1986.

Garden glory, Ted Humphris, 1969.

Hebes and Parahebes, Douglas Chalk, 1988.

Japanese courtyard gardens, Haruzo Ohashi, 1988.

Landscaping: a five year plan, Theodore James, 1988.

Miniature and dwarf geraniums (Pelargoniums), Harold Bagust, 1988.

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Pepperpot

Hooked by the glories of last year's Flower Show, **Gloria Ludwig** and **Bob Kleiser** both called to ask how they could become involved in the set-up. For Gloria, the answer was to enter, so she persuaded her club to participate in the Room Section. "Wow" she wrote on March 9 "what a week this has been. One I'll never forget." The experience was fun and Gloria sensed that special Flower Show spirit, "Everyone," she wrote "from the carpenter, electrician, and committee heads" went out of their way to help the "greenies from **Wyomissing Hills Area Garden Club**." Entering in the Show for the first time can be confusing and even for seasoned exhibitors things don't go as planned. The snow storm on Monday, March 6, for instance, made driving treacherous and the cold winds the following day were hard on plants as exhibitors moved them from windowsills and greenhouses into the Show. Spirits never flagged however and my thanks go to the committee people and exhibitors in all sections of the Show who participated in "Kaleidoscope, the Wonderful World of Color."

Bob Kleiser's phone call led to his volunteering on the set-up crew, led by Floor Manager Kathy Mills. Crew veterans **Ed Heitman**, **Joe Vona** and **Gary Faford** work with 16 students from the **Saul Agricultural High School** in preparing the endless pieces of staging that go together to make the Horticult. Once the plants and arrangements are in place the staging fades into the background, but when you see the crew unloading those six tractor trailer loads of pedestals, niches, benches, windowsills, iron fencing, tables, and odds and ends we all wonder how it will ever get into place.

Another valuable crew volunteer this year was **Mike Hommel**, Floor Manager for a new flower show that will open in Ann Arbor, Michigan next spring. Mike got quite an education during set-up

week, then he rented a U-Haul and crammed it with props we no longer use. We wish Mike and the staff and volunteers of the **Matthei Botanical Garden** good luck with their show and we're delighted to think that Philadelphia's Show props have another life further west.

Among our international visitors to the '89 Show was **Jean-Luc Van Klaveren**, a landscape designer with the parks department in Monaco, who will be back next year to work on a joint exhibit between the **Garden Club of Monaco** and the **Garden Club of Philadelphia**. Plans for 1990, whose theme will be "Purely for Pleasure, Gardens for the Senses," also include a giant central feature with roses and perennials, to be staged by **Gale Nurseries**, Gwynedd.

But before we leave '89, very grateful thanks to **Sallie Korman** and her committee for the wonderful Preview Dinner they organized on Saturday, March 5th. Playing host to 2,200 guests for dinner and some 500 additional patrons for cocktails is no mean feat, but Sallie carried it all off beautifully, while at the same time raising significant funding for Philadelphia Green, our community gardening programs.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

THE 1989 STYER AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

For the second year, the Styer Award Committee is pleased to announce the winners of PHS's Styer Award of Garden Merit. These six award winners listed on page six are little known or underused woody ornamentals that exhibit exceptional garden merit. Detailed information on these plants can be found in your January/February 1989 issue of the *Green Scene*. To receive a source list, call Cheryl Monroe at (215) 625-8250.

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HERBERT W. GOODALL, JR.

1911-1989

Bert Goodall joined the Council of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in 1966. During the next 17 years he served as Council member, Vice President, Vice Chairman, Flower Show Chairman and Chairman of Council. His good humour, sensible advice and sound instincts in all matters concerning publications, public relations, marketing and promotion were invaluable to an institution which found itself changed almost overnight from a quiet membership organization to an active agency occupying significant space in the Independence National Historical Park and managing the Philadelphia Flower Show.

In addition to his important roles in Society governance, Bert encouraged many members to cultivate beautiful plants. He was a skillful grower himself, and appreciated the efforts of Flower Show exhibitors, both amateur and professional.

Being horticulturists, we often commented that it would be nice to have a cutting of this lovely man. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is lucky to have had him work for it for all those years.

Ernesta D. Ballard



FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP: MAY BASKET (Intermediate)

Wednesday, May 10, 10 am-noon

Floral designer **Audrey Nichols** will guide you in making a basket handle from vines to complete your light, airy mass arrangement.

Audrey will emphasize mechanics, style, color, and flower conditioning.

Participants should bring clippers and a box to transport finished arrangement. All other materials will be provided.

Fee: \$34 members; \$38 guests

NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE HOME GARDEN

Saturday, May 13, 9 am-noon

At Chanticleer in Wayne

Horticulturists **Elizabeth Sullivan** and **Peter Brindle** of Chanticleer, a private estate in Wayne, PA., will present a three-hour program on native plants for the home garden — trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials. Discussion topics include landscaping uses of native plants and their care and culture, pests and diseases.

Travel instructions will be mailed in late April. Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

WORKSHOP: NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP BASKET

Wednesday, May 17, 10 am-4 pm

Martha Wetherbee, one of America's best known basketmakers, will journey to PHS to teach techniques for making the famous Nantucket lightship basket using splints she has gathered from northern New England brown ash trees in the old Shaker tradition.

The Nantucket lightship basket is 4½" high and 3¾" wide with a rim and handle. Martha guarantees that each participant will complete a basket during this 6-hour workshop. All materials will be supplied.

Bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$125 members; \$130 guests

WORKSHOP: FLORAL DESIGN IN GLASS

Wednesday, May 24, 10 am-1 pm

Priscilla Gene Shaffer of Temple University, Ambler Campus, will explore

the peculiarities of arranging with clear glass, the mechanics, and various approaches for creating unique arrangements. Each student will take home one completed arrangement plus ideas for using all those unused glass containers at home.

Participants should bring pruning shears, scissors, wire cutters, and a box to transport arrangement. Container and flowers will be supplied. Please bring a sandwich; beverages will be provided.

Fee: \$39 members; \$43 guests

WORKSHOP: NEW SHRUBS FROM OLD WOOD

Saturday, May 27, 9:30-noon

An easy and foolproof method for increasing your collection of broad-leaved shrubs (including azaleas) has been developed by **Alan Slack**, PHS council member and experienced propagator. Participants will learn by doing, and all materials will be provided. However, if you want to propagate more of your favorite shrubs, bring branches that have been cut the morning of the workshop and placed in a polyethylene bag with a little water. Sharing with other participants is encouraged.

Early May is the best time to look around your neighborhood to see varieties you might want to grow. Appropriate plants include leucothoe, azaleas, pieris, small-leaved rhododendrons, cotoneasters, and viburnums.

Fee: \$17 members; \$19 guests

EXTENDING PERENNIALS INTO FALL

Tuesday, June 6, 10 am-noon

We'll spend two hours poking around the perennial gardens of the People's Light and Theater Company in Malvern with **Jane Lennon**, perennial specialist who runs her own perennial nursery in Morgantown.

The focus of this program is extending perennial bloom throughout the summer through sound maintenance. Jane will share tips on how to ensure bloom into fall by dead-heading, cutting back, staking, and supplementing existing plants.

Travel directions will be mailed in late May.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests.

TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Wednesday, June 7, 10 am-noon

Flower arranging hobbyists and beginning professional designers alike will benefit from this program on the practical aspects of flower arranging.

Audrey Nichols will lead us through the ABC's of flower arranging from choosing, conditioning, and extending the life of fresh flowers to the pros and cons of mechanics and specialized equipment. Discussion topics will include the origin of flowers, best market days, seasonal availability and price fluctuations, handling equipment from floral tape to tubes, and choosing containers for ease in arranging. The finale will be a demonstration of arrangements designed for a smaller budget by using fewer flowers.

Audrey is a flower designer and frequent exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

WORKSHOP: SUCCULENT WREATHS

Thursday, June 8, 10-11:30 am

Wyndmoor

Ginny Simonin, PHS member, talented arranger and gardener, and frequent Flower Show exhibitor, will present a 1½ hour workshop on making wreaths using live succulents. Each participant will make an 8" wreath of hardy succulents, a year-round outdoor decoration suitable as a centerpiece or wall ornament. Discussion topics will include suitable plants, their care and culture.

All materials will be supplied. Travel directions to Wyndmoor will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$28 members; \$33 guests

ROSES

Saturday, June 10, 9 am-noon

At Chanticleer in Wayne, PA

Horticulturist **Tim Jennings** will demonstrate and discuss the care and culture of roses. Discussion topics will include feeding, pests and diseases, pruning, and winter protection.

This program will be held at Chanticleer, a private estate in Wayne, PA. Travel instructions will be mailed to participants. Limited to 20.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

Reservations

Clip and mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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Members \$15____

MEADOW GARDENING

Members \$15____ Guests \$17____

EARLY EVENING TOUR— MEADOWBROOK FARM

Members \$15____ Guests \$20____

WORKSHOP: INCREASING PERENNIALS

Members \$14____ Guests \$17____

GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE

Members \$2____ Guests \$5____

GARDEN VISITS: BUCKS COUNTY

Members \$2____ Guests \$5____

FIELD TRIPS:

DAY IN HARRISBURG

Members \$34____ Guests \$37____

DUMBARTON OAKS, HILLWOOD

June 23

Pick-up: CC____ HC____

Members \$54____ Guests \$59____

GLENCOE FARM AND LONGWOOD

Members \$30____ Guests \$33____

SUMMER BLOOM WALK— SCOTT ARBORETUM

Members \$7____ Guests \$10____

DAY IN MALVERN

Members \$28____ Guests \$30____

WAVE HILL AND PEPSICO SCULPTURE GARDENS

Pick-up: CC____ HC____

Members \$41____ Guests \$45____

☐ I plan to attend Reception on Friday, May 5.

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AT-HOME SERIES: ELEMENTS OF FLOWER GARDENING

Tuesday, June 13, 6-8 pm

Swarthmore

Horticulturist **Charles Cresson** has a knack for creating extraordinary gardens through skillful use of plant combinations and effective placement. We'll see some of his gardening theories in practice as we tour his garden and discuss elements that constitute an interesting composition. Topics will include borders, using roses with perennials, water in the garden, trained plants, using disparate situations to our advantage, and how elements can be put together.

Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members

MEADOW GARDENING

Wednesday, June 14, 10 am-noon

At Chanticleer in Wayne, PA

A meadow garden in full bloom can be a dramatically beautiful landscape feature, but creating such a garden requires much planning and preparation.

Senior horticulturist **Christopher Woods** will discuss the ins and outs of meadow gardening based on his experience with Chanticleer's four-year-old annual meadow. Discussion topics include soil preparation, choosing plants and seed mixes for annual or perennial meadow gardens, seeding methods, plant sources, tips on handling unwanted plants, and on-going maintenance.

Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests



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5th ANNUAL EARLY EVENING GARDEN TOUR:

Meadowbrook Farm

Wednesday, June 21, 5-7 pm

Raindate: Thursday, June 22, 5-7 pm

Distinguished horticulturist **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, will host members of the Society for a leisurely early evening visit to Meadowbrook Farm near Jenkintown. PHS members will tour the house and gardens, famous for topiaries, terraces, statuary, espaliers, and gazebos. The commercial greenhouse and nursery will be open, as well as the display gardens of herbs, perennials, and ornamental grasses.

We are grateful to the Members Committee who have helped organize this event under the leadership of chair, **D.J. Brosius**. Wine and nibbles will be served.

Travel instructions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$20 guests

WORKSHOP: INCREASING PERENNIALS

Saturday, June 24, 9:30 am-noon

Participants will learn simple, sure-fire propagation methods to increase their favorite garden perennials under the tutelage of **Alan Slack**, PHS council member and experienced propagator.

Registrants should bring a stem or an entire plant fresh from the garden. Additional perennials and all workshop materials will be provided.

Fee: \$14 members; \$17 guests

GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE

Sunday, May 7, 1-5 pm

Seven Main Line gardens open to PHS members and guests offer a great variety in horticulture and design. From smaller gardens to large properties visitors will enjoy espaliers, specimen trees and shrubs, an old walled garden with boxwood, gardens featuring wildflowers and azaleas, rhododendrons in a hillside setting and in a plant collector's garden, an English park-like landscape, and a garden planted to attract birds.

Fee: \$2 members; \$5 guests

GARDEN VISITS: BUCKS COUNTY

Sunday, June 11, 1-5 pm

The seven gardens chosen for our Bucks County tour also offer great variety. We'll see a large vegetable and flower garden, a garden with herbs, a cottage garden, colorful perennials in shade, and a rare plant nursery.

Fee: \$2 members; \$5 guests

Other Events

EBENEZER MAXWELL MANSION GARDEN TOUR

Self-guided tour of eight gardens in Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill and Germantown. May 13

For Information: (215) 438-1861

SWARTHMORE GARDEN CLUB HERB SALE

Borough Hall (in front), Park Avenue, Swarthmore

May 13, 10 am-2 pm

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Garden Tour

June 4

For Information: (215) 247-5777 or
(215) 662-2454

HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA - PA HEARTLAND UNIT

7th Annual Herbal Delights Symposium
June 20-21

For Information: (215) 921-7513

DELAWARE VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY

Flower Show Longwood Gardens July 9

For Information: (215) 388-6741

SPECIAL LECTURE: BOTANICAL EXPLORATION IN THE COLONIES

Tuesday, May 23, 4:30 pm

Auditorium, Academy of
Natural Sciences

The John Bartram Association is celebrating our botanical heritage with a special lecture about botanical exploration in the Colonies — the people, the plants, the international connection. **David H. Rembert, Jr.**, will explore the interest and involvement in Colonial North America by European botanists, gardeners, and patrons who shared in this glorious time of botanical enlightenment.

Rembert, professor and associate chairman of the Biology Department at the University of South Carolina, is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London.

Program begins promptly at 4:30 pm with a wine and cheese reception to follow.

Advance reservations are required. **For more information or reservations, please call Sue King at Bartram's Garden, (215) 729-5281.**

Fee: \$10 adults; \$5 students; free for members of Bartram's Garden.

PHS EXHIBIT: ART IN THE GARDEN

Meet-the-Artists Reception:

Friday, May 5, 5-7:30 pm

The exhibit, which continues through June 30, will emphasize integrating art in the garden.

A representative selection of garden sculptures of bronze, stone, and terra cotta will be exhibited by seven guest sculptors. Participating artists include **Ann Armstrong, Else Martinus Chapman, Lotte Dolezalek, Jolande Goldberg, Edward Fenno Hoffman, Sarah Smith, and Charlotte Stokes.**

The reception is free for PHS members, but reservations are required. To register, kindly use the reservation form from page three.

New in the Library

☐ *Arranging everlasting flowers*, Mary Newnes, 1987.

☐ *Bamboos of China*, Wang Dajun, 1987.

☐ *The garden in winter*, Rosemary Verey, 1988.

☐ *The gardens of San Francisco*, Joan Hockaday, 1988.

☐ *The gardens of William and Mary*, David Jacques, 1988.

☐ *Hydroponics for everyone*, Struan K. Sutherland, 1986.

☐ *Insect-eating plants*, Adrian Slack, 1988.

☐ *The Louisiana Iris*, Marie Caillet, 1988.

☐ *Painted gardens*, Penelope Hobhouse, 1988.

☐ *The perennial gardener*, Frederick McGourty, 1989.

☐ *Successful bonsai growing*, Peter Adams, 1987.

☐ *The wreath book*, Rob Pulleyn, 1988.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When returning book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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Field Trips

DAY IN HARRISBURG

Thursday, May 18, 8 am-5 pm

PHS members are invited to visit Villa Felicita, a private garden developed over fifteen years on the site of an abandoned farm. With a French country home as the centerpoint, gardens radiate in all directions and blend into island beds, transitional shrub areas, a woodland, and many theme gardens. In the 20-25 developed acres, there are more than 100,000 trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, and ground covers including a large number of specimen plants from the Bergman Rara Flora Collection.

Price includes round-trip bus transportation, box lunch at the garden, and late afternoon refreshments on the bus.

Details of bus pickup at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed in early May.

Fee: \$34 members; \$37 guests

DUMBARTON OAKS AND HILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, May 25, 7 am-7:30 pm
Friday, June 23, 7 am-7:30 pm

Our first stop will be the famous gardens of Dumbarton Oaks, designed by the noted landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand. The formal 10-acre gardens feature a series of garden rooms with plants chosen for beauty and year-round interest. Our special guided tour will include perennial borders, roses, peonies, fountains, pools, wrought iron and garden sculpture, specimen trees and shrubs.

After lunch at Hillwood we'll have a two-hour tour of the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, and silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch, all entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in mid-May. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$54 members; \$59 guests

GLENCOE FARM AND LONGWOOD GARDENS

Thursday, June 15, 8:30 am-5 pm

PHS members and guests will travel by bus to Unionville to visit Sir John Thouron's Glencoe Farm. These large estate gardens range from elegant double herbaceous borders to island beds, an alpine garden, and a meadow garden. There is also an idea flower garden for people who garden in limited space.

After lunch on our own at nearby Longwood Gardens, we'll join knowledgeable guides for a 1½ hour tour of the outdoor gardens and grounds. We'll see the new herb garden, new area featuring grasses, rose garden, and the experimental vegetable and flower gardens. Before departure at 4 pm we'll see two new indoor areas—the Silver Garden and the lily ponds.

Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early June. Fee of \$29 for members and \$31 for guests includes all entrance and guide fees, round-trip transportation. Lunch is not included.

Horticulturist **Peggy Bowditch** and **Betsy Gullan**, Membership/Activities Coordinator, will lead the group, limited to 40 participants.

SUMMER BLOOM WALK

Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore
Monday, June 19, 10 am-noon
Raindate: Tuesday, June 20

Join us for a leisurely stroll through the Scott Arboretum, located on the campus of Swarthmore College. Our tour will highlight summer-blooming trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants for the home garden, including hardy crepe myrtles. We'll have a peek at the newly planted teaching garden, which combines some of the best plants from the Arboretum's collection.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$7 members; \$10 guests

A DAY IN MALVERN

Wednesday, June 28, 10 am-2:30 pm

Our first stop will be Ker-Feal, formerly the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes and now a part of the Barnes Foundation. At 10 am, caretaker **Gar**

Reed will lead a tour of the house and grounds. Ker-Feal, originally built in 1775, is furnished with country (primitive) furniture and is known for its collection of Pennsylvania red slip ware pottery. The gardens are informal, with expanses of lawn and trees. No high heels, please.

We'll travel a short distance down the road to Longview Farm, **Joanna Reed's** home and garden. After a box lunch by Gourmet Productions, Joanna will lead us through her woodlands and celebrated country garden, bursting with perennials and herbs. Joanna's garden is included in *The American Woman's Garden*.

Fee of \$28 for members and \$30 for guests includes entrance fees to houses and gardens, box lunch, and refreshments. Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

WAVE HILL AND PEPSICO SCULPTURE GARDEN

Thursday, June 29, 7:15 am-7:15 pm

Our first stop will be Wave Hill in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale, a public garden estate that is landscaped to perfection. In addition to the Wild Garden, greenhouses, herb gardens, herbaceous borders, and a water lily display, Wave Hill presents many temporary horticultural exhibits on its 28 landscaped acres overlooking the Hudson River. The manor houses contain galleries with changing exhibits relating to horticulture, garden design, or local history.

After our guided tour and lunch at Wave Hill, we'll travel to Pepsico in Purchase, NY, where the corporate headquarters is surrounded by gardens and a comprehensive collection of 20th century sculpture owned by Pepsico. We'll have a leisurely self-guided tour before our 4 pm departure for Philadelphia.

Fee: \$41 for members and \$45 for guests includes round-trip transportation, entrance and guide fees, lunch, and return-trip refreshments. Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed to registrants.



GARDENING VIDEO TAPES AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

PHS members may borrow tapes in person, by mail or by telephone. Listed below are just a few of the video selections available. For a complete listing and information on loan periods and mailing charges, please call 625-8256.

BONSAI

Rosade, F. Chase. *Shaping techniques*, Masters Bonsai series, vol. 1, Kawaguchi-Shi, Saitama-Ken, Japan, Tokyo Eihosha, Inc., 1986.

CHILDREN AND GARDENING

Brooklyn Botanic Garden. *Get ready, get set grow; a kid's guide to good gardening*, Brooklyn, NY, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1986. Includes two pamphlets, *Ideas for parents and teachers* and *A Kid's guide to good gardening*. Running time: 15 minutes.

FLOWERS

Macqueen, Sheila and Ann Ord. *The joy of flower arranging*, vol. 1, San Francisco, CA, One Up Productions, 1985. Running time: 60 minutes.

Macqueen, Sheila and Ann Ord. *The joy of flower arranging*, vol. 2, San Francisco, CA, One Up Productions, 1985. Running time: 60 min.

Carter, Louise. *Gardening with perennials*, Wayne, PA, Taproot Productions, 1987. 55 min. 2 COPIES

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Ball, Jeff. *How to design and build a vegetable garden*, Yardening Series, Indianapolis, IN, Karts Video Communications, 1986.

GENERAL GARDENING OPERATIONS

Anon. *Plant propagation training video, volume 1*, Arizona, Idea Bank, 1987. 25 min.

Anon. *Plant propagation training video, volume 2*, Arizona, Idea Bank, 1987. 25 min.

Park Seed Co. *Starting seeds indoors*, Greenwood, SC, Park Seed Co., 1986. Running time: 20 minutes.

Herbert, Mark and Dave Schaefer. *Herbs and annuals*, Garden Way's Joy of Gardening series, St. Louis, MO, Magic Video, 1986. Running Time: 35 min. Booklet included.

LAWNS & GROUND COVERS

Ball, Jeff. *How to care for your lawn*, yardening Series, Indianapolis, IN, Karts Video Communications, 1986.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Bluemel, Kurt, Inc. Video catalog of ornamental grasses, Baldwin, MD, Kurt Bluemel, Inc., 1986. 2 COPIES.



AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . . FLOWER SHOW 1990

Barbara Keenan and Rosemarie Vassalluzzo, Pressed Plant Classes chair and vice-chair respectively, encourage exhibitors to plan now for next year's Pressed Plant Classes. "Dive into the garden and select plants for their texture; shape and color. Be adventurous and try new things" says Barbara, who finds that yellow daffodils and buttercups and blue delphiniums are good choices but lilies in general, are trickier when it comes to color retention. Barbara recommends *The Arco Book of Dried and Pressed Flowers* by Jane Derbyshire and Renee Burgess and Penny Black's *Book of Pressed Flowers* as good sources of information.

1990's Pressed Plant Classes are:

Class 141: *My Fair Lady* — A design for a lady of fashion. It may be appropriate for any time, any place, any occasion.

Class 141: *Dinner is Served* — A design for a dinner plate. To be presented in actual size.

Class 143: *A Child's Garden of Verses* — An illustration of any childhood verse.

Class 144: *Just for You* — A design for gift wrapping paper.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HONORS PHILADELPHIA GREEN DIRECTOR

Blaine Bonham was honored recently by the Pan-African Studies Community Education Program for his leadership in Philadelphia as director of Philadelphia Green. Bonham accepted the award, which is presented to those who make significant contributions serving the people of the community, at Temple's annual Roots Night. Other honorees included community activists, educators, and members of the clergy.

STYER AWARD (continued)

The 1989 award winners are:

Callicarpa dichotoma, *Deutzia gracilis* 'Nikko', *Hamamelis mollis* 'Pallida', *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Snow Queen', *Malus* 'Donald Wyman', and *Malus* 'Jewelberry'.

In addition, new entries are reviewed each year and several are chosen for Preliminary Commendation. Those chosen are evaluated and considered for an award in the future. The following plants were chosen for preliminary commendation in 1989: *Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold', *Daphne caucasica*, *Fothergilla gardenii* 'Blue Mist', *Hamamelis x intermedia* 'Diane', *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Blue Billow', *Magnolia x* 'Galaxy', *Malus* 'Red Swan', *Pinus sylvestris* 'Saxatilis', *Sciadopitys verticillata*, and *Stewartia pseudocamellia* var. *koreana*.

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VOLUNTEER AT THE 1989 HARVEST SHOW

Sally Graham, Show Chair, invites you to join the team of PHS volunteers that put together our favorite fall event — THE HARVEST SHOW. Come help us with the Show and we guarantee you will have lots of fun and meet some very special people.

We welcome your assistance in the following areas:

SETTING-UP

Tuesday, September 19, or Wednesday, September 20, or Thursday, September 21, 9 am-12 pm or 1 pm-4 pm

Join staff and committee members in painting, burlapping and other staging jobs that help put the Show on the road.

ENTRY AIDES

Friday, September 22, 7:30 am-10 am

Assist exhibitors in finding correct locations and entering exhibits. Aid in preparing classes prior to judging and help get ready for our Members' Preview.

CLERKS

Friday, September 22, 10 am-3 pm.

Be on hand to assist judges by recording their decisions and ensuring that entries receive the correct awards.

INFORMATION AIDES

Saturday, September 23 or Sunday, September 24, 10 am-12:30 pm, 12:30 pm-3 pm, or 3 pm-5 pm.

During the Show, aides assist visitors in finding exhibits, demonstrations, activities, etc. They also ensure the safety of entries and provide hospitality to visitors.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Friday, September 22 (Members' Preview), 4-6 pm; Saturday, September 23, or Sunday, September 24, 10 am-4 pm

Volunteers are needed to assist youngsters in creating seed masks, scarecrows, and pumpkin painting.

If you would like to volunteer at this year's Harvest Show, please check the appropriate space on the reservation form. A committee member will contact you.

THREE PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITIES TARGETED FOR INTENSIVE GREENING EFFORTS

A recent *Philadelphia Inquirer* article noted the presentation of the City's Philadelphia Volunteer of the Year Award to Dorsha Mason, block captain, community activist, fundraiser, board member, 70 years old and going strong.

Community leaders like Dorsha have contributed greatly to Philadelphia Green's stepped-up greening efforts in three communities this spring: **Susquehanna**, a 100-block community in North Philadelphia; **Strawberry Mansion** situated along the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park between 22nd and 33rd Sts. between Oxford and Cumberland Sts., and **Norris Square** in the North/Central section of the City known as Lower West Kensington.

In Susquehanna, scheduled to be dedicated a Greene Countrie Towne in the fall of 1990, **Rachel Bagby**, **Willie Mae Bullock**, **Dorsha Mason** and **James Taylor** are experienced hands at rallying their neighbors around the greening effort. In 1982, a ten-block area within this community known as West Hagert became a Greene Countrie Towne. Today, the emphasis will be on the remaining 130

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CREATE YOUR OWN VIEW OF FALL THROUGH A HARVEST WINDOW

"This special horticultural category is an excellent way to display your garden's bounty and a chance to demonstrate your design skill," says **Ann Benzel** and **Jesse Carter**, Horticulture Classes Chairs for the 1989 Harvest Show.

The exhibitor must design a harvest scene indoors that overlooks an outer display filled with vegetables, fruit and/or flowers. Baked goods and preserved products may also be incorporated into the design. PHS will provide the staging for this 6' x 6' area and will hold a workshop for registrants in July.

If you would like to participate, call Flossie Narducci at (215) 625-8280. **Deadline for registration is July 1.**

PHILADELPHIANS DEBUT AT 1989 CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

For **Dottie Sheffield** and **Audrey Nichols**, it was a thrill of a lifetime. The invitation from the Royal Horticultural Society to participate in the Chelsea Flower Show (May 23-26) marked an important first — the first time an American had been invited to participate in the Floral Arrangement displays. Their entry, a topiary form of the Statue of Liberty, would be entered in Class 2, Home Away From Home.

Two other compatriots, **Maud Littleton** and **Carol Sagendorf** joined the design team to stage an arrangement in the same Class later in the Show week. Both displays were sponsored by the Garden Club of America.



EXTENDING PERENNIALS INTO FALL

Tuesday, June 6, 10 am-noon

We'll spend two hours poking around the perennial gardens of the People's Light and Theater Company in Malvern with **Jane Lennon**, perennial specialist who runs her own perennial nursery in Morgantown.

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TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Wednesday, June 7, 10 am-noon

Flower arranging hobbyists and beginning professional designers alike will benefit from this program on the practical aspects of flower arranging.

Audrey Nichols will lead us through the ABCs of flower arranging from choosing, conditioning, and extending the life of fresh flowers to the pros and cons of mechanics and specialized equipment. Discussion topics will include the origin of flowers, best market days, seasonal availability and price fluctuations, handling equipment from floral tape to tubes, and choosing containers for ease in arranging. The finale will be a demonstration of arrangements designed for a smaller budget by using fewer flowers.

Audrey is a flower designer and a prize-winning exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

WORKSHOP: SUCCULENT WREATHS

Thursday, June 8, 10-11:30 am
Wyndmoor

Ginny Simonin, PHS member, talented arranger and gardener, and frequent Flower Show exhibitor, will present a workshop on making wreaths using live succulents. Each participant will make an 8" wreath of hardy succulents, a year-round outdoor decoration suitable as a centerpiece or wall ornament. Discussion topics will include suitable plants, their care and culture.

All materials will be supplied. Travel directions to Wyndmoor will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$28 members; \$33 guests

ROSES

Saturday, June 10, 9 am-noon
At Chanticleer in Wayne, PA

Horticulturist **Tim Jennings** will demonstrate and discuss the care and culture of roses. Discussion topics will include feeding, pests and diseases, pruning, and winter protection.

This program will be held at Chanticleer, a private estate in Wayne, PA. Travel instructions will be mailed to participants. Limited to 20.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: ELEMENTS OF FLOWER GARDENING

Tuesday, June 13, 6-8 pm
Swarthmore

Horticulturist **Charles Cresson** has a knack for creating extraordinary gardens through skillful use of plant combinations and effective placement. We'll see some of his gardening theories in practice as we tour his garden and discuss elements that constitute an interesting composition. Topics will include borders, using roses with perennials, water in the garden, trained plants, using disparate situations to our advantage, and how elements can be put together.

Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members

MEADOW GARDENING

Wednesday, June 14, 10 am-noon
At Chanticleer in Wayne, PA

A meadow garden in full bloom can be a dramatically beautiful landscape feature, but creating such a garden requires much planning and preparation.

Senior horticulturist **Christopher Woods** will discuss the ins and outs of meadow gardening based on his experience with Chanticleer's four-year-old annual meadow. Discussion topics include soil preparation, choosing plants and seed mixes for annual or perennial meadow gardens, seeding methods, plant

sources, tips on handling unwanted plants, and on-going maintenance.

Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

5th ANNUAL EARLY EVENING GARDEN TOUR

Wednesday, June 21, 5-7 pm
Raindate: Thursday, June 22, 5-7 pm
Meadowbrook Farm

Distinguished horticulturist **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, will host members of the Society for a leisurely early evening visit to Meadowbrook Farm near Jenkintown. PHS members will tour the house and gardens, famous for topiaries, terraces, statuary, espaliers, and gazebos. The commercial greenhouse and nursery will be open, as well as the display gardens of herbs, perennials, and ornamental grasses. Music will be provided by harpist Janet Biely.

We are grateful to the Members Committee who have helped organize this event under the leadership of chair, **D.J. Brosius**.

Wine and nibbles will be served.

Travel instructions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$20 guests

WORKSHOP: INCREASING PERENNIALS

Saturday, June 24, 9:30 am-noon

Participants will learn simple, sure-fire propagation methods to increase their favorite garden perennials under the tutelage of **Alan Slack**, PHS council member and experienced propagator.

Registrants should bring a stem or an entire plant fresh from the garden. Additional perennials and all workshop materials will be provided.

Fee: \$14 members; \$17 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDEN REJUVENATION FOR LATE-SUMMER ENJOYMENT

Saturday, August 19, 10 am-noon
Swarthmore, PA.

Horticulturist **Charles Cresson** will talk about ways to enliven and rejuvenate your flower garden for enjoyment through the last days of summer into the cooler days of autumn.

Discussion topics will include: selective grooming, clean up, improving the appearance of plantings, integrating fall-blooming perennials and annuals into your design, and accenting your garden's strongest qualities.

Travel directions will be mailed to participants in early August.

Fee: \$15 members.

GARDEN VISITS: BUCKS COUNTY Sunday, June 11, 1-5 pm

The seven gardens chosen for our Bucks County tour also offer great variety. We'll see large vegetable and flower gardens, a garden with herbs, a cottage garden, colorful perennials in shade, and a rare plant nursery.

Fee: \$2 members; \$5 guests

Reservations

Clip and mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

EXTENDING PERENNIALS INTO FALL

Members \$15____ Guests \$17____

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Members \$15____

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EARLY EVENING TOUR—

MEADOWBROOK FARM

Members \$15____ Guests \$20____

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FIELD TRIPS:

GLENCOE FARM AND LONGWOOD

Members \$30____ Guests \$33____

SUMMER BLOOM WALK— SCOTT ARBORETUM

Members \$7____ Guests \$10____

DAY IN MALVERN

Members \$28____ Guests \$30____

WAVE HILL AND PEPSICO SCULPTURE GARDENS

Pick-up: CC____ HC____

Members \$41____ Guests \$45____

I would like to volunteer for The 1989 Harvest Show

☐ Setting-up ☐ Information Aide ☐ Children's Activities

☐ Entry Aide ☐ Clerk

☐ I would like to judge in The City Gardens Contest

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New in the Library

☐ *The art of indoor bonsai*, John Ainsworth, 1988.

☐ *The craft of gardens*, Ch'eng Chi, 1988.

☐ *Easy care perennials*, Patricia A. Taylor, 1989.

☐ *Flower gardens of Victorian England*, Andrew Clayton-Payne, 1988.

☐ *The green tapestry*, Beth Chatto, 1988.

☐ *Greer's guidebook to available rhododendrons*, Harold E. Greer, 1988.

☐ *A handbook of Mexican roadside flora*, Charles T. Mason, 1987.

☐ *Ornamental grass gardening*, Thomas A. Reinhardt, 1989.

☐ *Shrubs*, Roger Phillips, 1989.

☐ *The small garden book*, John Brookes, 1989.

☐ *Sowing a better garden*, John Kelly, 1988.

☐ *35 garden blueprints*, Maggie Oster, 1989.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When returning book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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Field Trips

GLENCOE FARM AND LONGWOOD GARDENS

Thursday, June 15, 8:30 am-5 pm

PHS members and guests will travel by bus to Unionville to visit Sir John Thouron's Glencoe Farm. These large estate gardens range from elegant double herbaceous borders to island beds, an alpine garden, and a meadow garden. There is also an idea flower garden for people who garden in limited space.

After lunch on our own at nearby Longwood Gardens, we'll join knowledgeable guides for a 1½ hour tour of the outdoor gardens and grounds. We'll see the new herb garden, and another new area featuring grasses, the rose garden, and the experimental vegetable and flower gardens. Before departure at 4 pm we'll see two new indoor areas—the Silver Garden and the lily ponds.

Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early June. Fee of \$30 for members and \$33 for guests includes all entrance and guide fees, round-trip transportation. Lunch is not included.

Horticulturist **Peggy Bowditch** and **Betsy Gullan**, Membership/Activities Coordinator, will lead the group, limited to 40 participants.

SUMMER BLOOM WALK

Monday, June 19, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Tuesday, June 20

Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore

Join us for a leisurely stroll through the Scott Arboretum, on the campus of Swarthmore College. Our tour will highlight summer-blooming trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants for the home garden, including hardy crepe myrtles. We'll have a peek at the newly planted teaching garden, which combines some of the best plants from the Arboretum's collection.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$7 members; \$10 guests

A DAY IN MALVERN

Wednesday, June 28, 10 am-2:30 pm

Our first stop will be Ker-Feal, formerly the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes and now a part of the Barnes

Foundation. At 10 am, caretaker **Gar Reed** will lead a tour of the house and grounds. Ker-Feal, originally built in 1775, is furnished with country (primitive) furniture and is known for its collection of Pennsylvania red slip ware pottery. The gardens are informal, with expanses of lawn and trees. No high heels, please.

We'll travel a short distance down the road to Longview Farm, **Joanna Reed's** home and garden. After a box lunch by Gourmet Productions, Joanna will lead us through her woodlands and celebrated country garden, bursting with perennials and herbs. Joanna's garden is included in *The American Woman's Garden*.

Fee of \$28 for members and \$30 for guests includes entrance fees to houses and gardens, box lunch, and refreshments. Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

WAVE HILL AND PEPSICO SCULPTURE GARDEN

Thursday, June 29, 7:15 am-7:15 pm

Our first stop will be Wave Hill in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale, a public garden estate that is landscaped to perfection. In addition to the Wild Garden, greenhouses, herb gardens, herbaceous borders, and a water lily display, Wave Hill presents many temporary horticultural exhibits on its 28 landscaped acres overlooking the Hudson River. The manor houses contain galleries with changing exhibits relating to horticulture, garden design, or local history.

After our guided tour and lunch at Wave Hill, we'll travel to Pepsico in Purchase, NY, where the corporate headquarters is surrounded by gardens and a comprehensive collection of 20th century sculpture owned by Pepsico. We'll have a leisurely self-guided tour before our 4 pm departure for Philadelphia.

Fee: \$41 for members and \$45 for guests includes round-trip transportation, entrance and guide fees, lunch, and return-trip refreshments. Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed to registrants.

PHS PUTS OUT THE NEWS ABOUT TREES

Several years ago, equipped with a grant from the **William Penn Foundation**, PHS formed the Tree Corps to help inform Philadelphians about the vital impact trees have on our environment. Now, at the culmination of this effort, the *Tree News* was developed and mailed to City residents, corporations, foundations, and neighborhood organizations to continue tree awareness and encourage City dwellers to care for existing trees. The newsletter contains good, solid information on tree care, the many bonuses of having trees in the City and, a list of varieties that do well in the City. The *Tree News* is also a good resource for those seeking help from outside agencies that offer information on tree pruning, planting and removal.

If you would like a copy of the *Tree News*, please call Sally McCabe (215) 625-8280.



1989 HARVEST SHOW

**Saturday and Sunday
September 23 and 24**

**Horticulture Center
Belmont Avenue and
Horticultural Drive
Fairmount Park**

"Harvest Showboat"

Time: 10 am - 5 pm both days

**Admission: \$3.00 adults
\$1.50 children under 12**

**Members Preview:
Friday, September 22,
4 - 7 p.m.**

GREENING EFFORT

(Continued From page one)

blocks that stretch from Broad to 22nd Streets, Norris to Lehigh Avenue with a special focus on the magnificent sloping banks at 18th and Glenwood Streets, the start-up site of the Society's new Ribbon of Gold project.

High atop a hill overlooking the Schuylkill near Kelly Drive sits the community of Strawberry Mansion, a neighborhood known for its historic homes and beautiful architecture. In recent years, the community has been the focus of extensive restoration work and the establishment of a local shopping center, Strawberry Square Mall at 29th and Susquehanna Avenue. Working with **Marva Harris** and the City's **Neighborhood Action Council** and community leader, **Florie Dotson**, Philadelphia Green has concentrated greening efforts on the creation of 11 garden blocks, 3 lotscapes and the development of a Demonstration Garden in the area surrounding the Mall. The Demo Garden will provide a meeting place for community workshops on topics such as building garden paths and trellises, planting herb gardens and garden development.

Sister Carol Keck, Iris Brown and Tomasita Romero stand out as the propellants of Norris Square's greening efforts. After 15 years of children's gardening programs and neighborhood greening efforts through the **Norris Square Neighborhood Project, Inc.** and their involvement with Philadelphia Green, this community now boasts more than 20 community gardening projects and plans for extensive revitalization for Norris Square Park are also afoot. The focus of this spring's greening efforts has been at the Hunter Elementary School. Working with students, Tomasita Romero has developed a garden that will be planted by them before the end of the school year and maintained throughout the summer by the children in Norris Square's greening programs.

Over the next several years, these three areas will become part of a growing number of Philadelphia communities that have found strength and leadership within their neighborhoods to overcome the odds and add a bit of green space into their lives. As Dorsha Mason put it, "Not me, but we are wonderful. My neighbors and me. Nobody in this life does anything by themselves."



THE CITY GARDENS CONTEST - Up Close and Personal

Here's the perfect opportunity to view Philadelphia's finest gardens in prime condition at the peak of their summer bloom. **Jim LaRosa**, Contest Chair is looking for judges who will visit gardens throughout Philadelphia from the small courtyard garden to block-long vegetable and flower gardens. Many of the gardeners you will meet along the way are participants in the Society's Philadelphia Green Program and are celebrities in their own right having overcome enormous odds to create a green oasis in the City.

The deadline for entries is June 10 and judging continues through July. If you would like to join our judging teams, please check the appropriate box on the reservations coupon on page three.

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ROSES BEING RAVAGED?
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HARVEST SHOW POSTERS AVAILABLE

Help us promote the 1989 Harvest Show by displaying colorful 8½" x 11" posters in your local, school, library or stores.

To receive yours, call Ellen Gittleman at (215) 625-8266 or stop in PHS to pick up a handful.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

As I review the 1988-89 activities I'm keenly aware of all the people who have contributed to the success of this year's programs. The Members Committee, under the able leadership of **Sylvia Lin**, is involved in many ways: to oversee membership policy; to suggest new programs; to help in the Membership/Information Booth at the Philadelphia Flower Show; to organize or host large events such as the spring garden visits, the garden tour at Meadowbrook Farm, New Members Open House, the Members' Preview at the Harvest Show, and the Annual Plant Dividend.

Each spring over 1200 PHS members and guests enjoy the garden visits in April, May, and June. Their success is directly attributable to this hard-working committee and especially to **Margaret P. Bowditch**, garden visits coordinator. Peggy selects the gardens, writes the garden descriptions, and then laboriously travels each recommended route to ensure the accuracy of the maps to be mailed to each participant. We know some of you get lost, but as Peggy says she "doesn't have advanced training in cartography".

Chair **Alan P. Slack** and co-chair **Dot Plyler** start early to organize the September Annual Plant Dividend. In April **Alan** and **Dot** write to 75-100 PHS plant propagators to request plants for our members. During the summer, they compile the plant lists, check botanical names, and rework the lists for a good representation of perennials, house plants, trees, and shrubs. During the week of the event, **Alan**, **Dot**, and committee members check each of the 1500 donated plants for general health and proper labeling before distribution to the membership. On opening day, committee members are back at PHS to greet members, re-supply plants, set up refreshments, and even carry an occasional bag to a member's car.

PHS salutes the Members Committee and thanks them for all they have contributed to the Society during the past year. Members Committee: **Sylvia Lin**, Chair, **Richard Bitner**, **Fran Borie**, **Margaret Bowditch**, **D. J. Brosius**, **Tina Colehower**, **Mary Disston**, **Louise Harry**, **Margaret Krengel**, **Dot Plyler**, **Harriett Richards**, **Alan Slack**, **Phyllis Weisman** and **Susan Wilmerding**.

Betsy Gullan
Membership/Activities Coordinator

Pepperpot

The Society's 18th Century Garden is always a spring star on Walnut Street, but this year our volunteers outdid themselves and drew acclaim from neighbors and visitors alike. The color combination, Blue Delft and Gypsy Queen (pale apricot) hyacinths and Apricot Beauty tulips, mixed with deeper apricot pansies was a smash.

In a formal garden such as ours, hyacinths are wonderful not only for their big colorful blossoms but also for their fragrance. In past years squirrels have destroyed our display by digging up the hyacinths and tulip bulbs over the winter. This year, after planting in the fall, **Ann McPhail** and our team of gardeners covered the beds with sheets of black plastic mesh netting, and although it greatly decreased the squirrels' fun over the winter, it's the only way to get a good display of bulbs in this part of town. The netting (Ross Gro-Net) is sold in garden centers for protecting berries and other fruit from birds. To make sure the netting stays in place over winter, follow the example of volunteer **Charles Holman** who secured it with endless pegs he cut from the pointed ends of wire coat hangers.

In addition to Ann and Charles, grateful thanks to all the volunteers who work so hard to keep the 18th Century Garden in tiptop condition: **Wilma Crane, Ed Doelp, Johanna Goedel, Helen Kaufman, Kitty Lapp, Matt McConnell, Jane Newcomer, Harriett Richards, Kinnie Schmidt** and **Frances Vollmer**. If you'd like to join them see note on this page re: volunteer garden positions.

In addition to the hyacinths, the second week of April brought good news from **David Poe**, Area Representative, **F. A. Bartlett Tree Company** who called to say the company wanted to celebrate Arbor Day '89 by donating time to the Azalea Garden restoration project. Last year Bartlett worked to help us in our efforts to save the Garden's last elm and at the end of April they returned to cable several limbs on the elm and to prune and fertilize the linden and Japanese scholar tree. Grateful thanks to Bartlett for joining us in this restoration project with more than 30 man-hours of specialized work.

Jane G. Pepper
President

VOLUNTEER GARDEN POSITIONS OPEN

The PHS 18th Century Garden has a few positions open for volunteer gardeners. This group of dedicated people meet each Wednesday from April through October to plant, maintain and change the seasonal displays in the Society's garden on Walnut Street. Gardening experience is helpful, but not necessary. Applicants should enjoy plants, people and being outdoors. Moderate physical activity is involved. The rewards are interaction with knowledgeable gardeners and the many visitors to the garden and the sense of satisfaction from maintaining one of America's most famous gardens located in beautiful Independence National Historical Park.

If you are interested in additional information please call Kathy Mills, Assistant Horticulturist at 625-8250.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR PHS MAJOR AWARDS

The PHS Awards Committee is now seeking nominations for the 1990 Distinguished Achievement Medal and the Certificate of Merit.

The Distinguished Achievement Medal is awarded to an individual from the mid-Atlantic states who has made outstanding contributions to the field of horticulture in an area of particular interest to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The Certificate of merit is awarded to an individual, organization, institution or business corporation for outstanding contributions to horticulture.

Please submit a portfolio with one nominating letter and two letters of

SHOW BIZ

FLOWER SHOW BULB CLASSES

Sue Armstrong, Chair of 1990's Horticulture Classes announces the following selections for the Bulb Classes: CLASS

- 01 *NARCISSUS* 'LITTLE BEAUTY' (miniature) grown and shown in a 4" pot.
- 02 *NARCISSUS* 'UNSURPASSABLE' (trumpet) grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
- 03 *NARCISSUS* 'PEEPING TOM' (*Cyclamineus*) grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
- 04 *NARCISSUS* 'WHITE LION' (double) grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
- 05 *HYACINTHUS* 'GYPSY QUEEN' grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
- 06 *TULIPA* 'NEGRITA' grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

Note: The *Cyclamineus* is to be exhibited in an 8" pot not a 6" as last year's *Cyclamineus* selection was.

endorsement to Martha Barron, chair, Awards Committee, c/o PHS, by September 15.

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Pepperpot

The annual new members' event always makes a fascinating evening, giving me and other staff members a chance to get acquainted with new members, to hear how and why they joined the Society and also to learn of their expectations from their membership.

This year, a significant number expressed interest in volunteering for the Society, and were curious to know in what areas we needed help and how they would go about offering their services. Their questions led me to write this column. We welcome your help, dear members, and we want to make it as easy as possible for you to figure out how to get involved.

Let me give you some idea of the areas in which other members volunteer. In our headquarters, there's always room for a few good gardeners to join the dedicated crew that keeps our beautiful 18th century garden in such good order. This group shows up in blue jeans every Wednesday morning from April through October. If you're not available on such a regular schedule, or would prefer to live it up in our comfortable library, our library staff welcome help on specific projects. For some projects it's helpful to have training in library matters; for others it's even more important to be neat and orderly and to have an eye for detail.

In the membership department, we're always on the lookout for friendly souls who will assist with garden openings, with special events at headquarters and in private homes where we need help welcoming members and guests.

For those who want to be part of the Show, we offer all sorts of glamorous opportunities. In September we'll be running the Harvest Show, with jobs available in hospitality, children's activities, at the Members' Preview, as passers, or you could even serve as an information aide (we can teach you all you need to know in a hurry).

To get over your winter blues, there's no tonic quite like the Philadelphia Flower Show and here there's a range of possibilities for just plain friendly folks as well as for expert horticulturists and especially for those who like to get out and greet the public in our Membership/Information Booth. In playing host to more than 200,000 visitors we need all the help we can get.

If you're into shows, we're always looking for help in planning and running the Junior Flower Show, a Philadelphia Green event that takes place annually in May. Philadelphia Green also reaches out each year for some 350 gardeners to assist in judging the City Gardens Contest in July and August. To participate you need to enjoy city gardens and other gardeners, but you don't have to be a trained judge.

Another arm of Philadelphia Green directs the Azalea Garden project, and here we need help from anyone who loves this space — help in weeding, in planting bulbs and perennials and in raising funds to keep it in tip-top condition. In the September News we'll cover this new Friends Group in more detail.

So — here are just a few ideas. If you're interested in participating in any of the above (or in any other aspects of the Society's activities), please call our main number at (215) 625-8250 and let our

receptionist direct you to the appropriate department.

And, to the several thousands who already volunteer, many grateful thanks.

Jane G. Pepper
President

1989 PERENNIALS CONFERENCE

The Perennials for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries Symposium will be held Tuesday, October 24, 1989 at Swarthmore College. This conference is designed for nursery and garden center personnel, landscape designers, and horticulturists.

A terrific group of speakers includes **Pamela Schwerdt**, head gardener at Sissinghurst Castle in Kent, England, **Nancy Bechtol**, Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, American Tree Care, Inc., Southampton, NY, **Pamela Harper**, Author and Consultant, Seaford, VA, **Dale Hendricks**, President, North Creek Nurseries, Inc., Landenberg, PA, **Barbara Olejnik**, Center City Green Manager, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, PA, **Cliff Russell**, Owner, Russell Gardens, Churchville, PA, and **Marco Polo Stufano**, Director of Horticulture, Wave Hill, Bronx, NY. They will cover a variety of topics on plant propagation, maintenance and design of perennial gardens, and Integrated Pest Management approach to pests.

The Conference cost is \$30. To receive a brochure, call PHS at (215) 625-8250. Space is limited so register early.

Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS (Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY Monday, September 18, 7 pm

Program: African Orchids, Herman Pigors

Special Events

PHS EXHIBIT: THREE VIEWS

Exhibit Opening: Friday, September 15, 5-7 pm

Exhibit: September 15 through October 31, 1989

E. H. Hauck, Brian E. MacKenzie, and Julia E. Sokol, graduates of the Tyler School of Art, will have their works featured in the exhibition room at PHS. Pencil drawings as well as oil and acrylic pieces will be on display. Styles range from whimsical interpretation to realism. Included are European and American landscapes, still lifes with plants, and cityscapes.

Opening reception to meet the artists on Friday evening, September 15, 5-7 pm. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Reservations required. Please use reservation form, page three.

PHS ANNUAL PLANT DIVIDEND AND BOOK SALE

Friday, September 8, noon-7:30 pm

Saturday, September 9, 9:30 am-noon

The Annual Plant Dividend will be held in conjunction with the Library Book Sale.

Members are invited to visit PHS to select a complimentary plant for each individual membership and three plants for a family and other memberships. This annual plant distribution, one of the many benefits of PHS membership, is a great opportunity to obtain plant(s) you've always wanted but could not find. A list of plants, all donated by PHS members, will be printed in the September *NEWS*.

We are sorry we cannot set aside plants or take telephone orders—it's first come, first served. We hope you will visit PHS and enjoy iced tea and a leisurely stroll in

our garden while you ponder your plant and book selections.

The Members Committee is very grateful to PHS members who propagate plants for the Annual Plant Dividend. We appreciate the work, time, and energy spent on this project on behalf of PHS. Many thanks to those who have already agreed to donate plants for 1989: Ernesta D. Ballard, Richard Bitner, Toni Brinton, Aldys Davis, Elizabeth Farley, Roxie Gevjan, Janet and John Gyer, George Harding, Tam Hartell, Joseph Heiler, Richard Hutton, Anita Kistler, David Lutt, Jane Lennon, Sylvia Lin, Evi Loeb, Cheryl and Tom Monroe, Robert Montgomery, Claire Müller, Dee Peck, J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., Dot Plyler, Joanna Reed, Helen Roback, Herbert Schiffer, Liz Sharp, Charlotte and Alan Slack, Irene Slater, Rosemarie and Jules Vassalluzzo, Robert Way, Susan Wilmerding, Mary Lou Wolfe, Chris Woods, and Sally Yow.

MEMBERS' HARVEST SHOW PREVIEW Friday, September 22, 4-7 pm

Plan to attend the 1989 Harvest Show Members' Preview immediately following the judging of exhibits. Cider, wine, and light snacks will be served.

Members may bring guests to the Preview for a charge of \$5 each, payable at the entrance. Members' tickets to the Show will be mailed later this month.

Registration Events

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDEN REJUVENATION FOR LATE- SUMMER ENJOYMENT

Saturday, August 19, 10 am-noon in Swarthmore, PA

Horticulturist Charles Cresson will talk about ways to enliven and rejuvenate your flower garden for enjoyment through the last days of summer into the cooler days of autumn.

Discussion topics will include: selective grooming, clean up, improving the appearance of plantings, integrating fall-

blooming perennials and annuals into your design, and accenting your garden's strongest qualities.

Travel directions will be mailed to participants in early August.

Fee: \$15 members.

BEGONIA DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday, September 13, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Thursday, September 14

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Field Trips

BARNES ARBORETUM: FALL FOLIAGE AND FRUITS

Friday, October 6, 10 am-1 pm

The PHS trips to Barnes in spring and fall are always among the most popular each year. Barnes Arboretum, situated on 12 acres in Merion, PA, has a notable collection of the best woody ornamentals for this zone.

Elizabeth Farley, assistant director, teacher, and expert guide, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum, emphasizing fall foliage and ornamentals with interesting fall fruit.

Registrants should bring lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the art collection at your leisure.

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WATCH YOUR MAILBOX

Please be on the lookout for three important PHS mailings that should arrive at your homes in late August - mid September. Your 1989 Harvest Show announcement and ticket(s) will be mailed in late August, closely followed by membership renewals for 1990. The 1990 Philadelphia Flower Show Exhibitors Schedule will be mailed in early September. If you have not received your Harvest Show ticket(s) or renewal notice by September 11, please give us a call at (215) 625-8250.

We are always particularly grateful to the members who respond promptly to the first dues notice, thereby eliminating the expense of additional reminders and the confusion that results when responses and additional notices cross in the mail.

LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Join us at PHS on **Friday, September 8** and **Saturday, September 9** when you'll be able to purchase both new gardening books and your old favorites. The Booksale is held concurrently with the Members' Plant Dividend.

Hours: Friday, September 8, 1989, Friends of Library Booksale Preview 10 am-noon. PHS Members and public noon-7 pm. Saturday, September 9, 1989 9:30 am-noon.

The Library gladly accepts gardening books as donations to this sale.

Amnesty Days

During the Booksale, you can return overdue books and pay no fines! Amnesty is restricted to Booksale hours only.

The Library is updating its **List of Speakers on Horticulture and Related Topics**. This list is sent to PHS members and garden clubs who request information on individuals to contact for speaking engagements. If you are a lecturer and would like to be included on this list, please call the Library at **625-8256** and request a questionnaire.

HARVEST SHOW HELPERS NEEDED

Sylvia Lin, PHS Members Committee Chair, invites volunteers to help with the Harvest Show Members' Preview on September 22, from 4-7 pm. If you would like to help, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three. We will be in touch with you in early September.

New in the Library

- ☐ *Building health gardens*, Catherine Foster, 1989.
- ☐ *The chemical free Lawn*, Warren Schultz, 1989.
- ☐ *Clematis*, Barry Fretwell, 1989.
- ☐ *The flower arranger's garden*, Rosemary Verey, 1989.
- ☐ *From vines to wines*, Jeff Cox, 1985.
- ☐ *The handbook for flower shows*, National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., 1987 rev. ed.
- ☐ *Lawns and landscaping*, Garden Way Publishing, 1989.
- ☐ *The making of an English country garden*, Deborah Kellaway, 1988.
- ☐ *The Practical Gardener*, Roger B. Swain, 1989.
- ☐ *Tree Pruning*, Alex L. Shigo, 1989.
- ☐ *A Year of flowers*, Peter Loewer, 1989.
- ☐ *The year-round flower gardener*, Anne Halpin, 1989.

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HARVEST SHOWBOAT IS THEME FOR 1989 HARVEST SHOW SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24

After a rather wetgrowing season in the Delaware Valley, Harvest Showboat will take us back to Old Times On The Mississippi where we'll enjoy supper at the Captain's Table and gaze afar on Red Sails at Sunset — all of this in the Show's Design Classes.

The rest of the Show, from Preserved Products and individual floral entries to crisp garden vegetables and aromatic herbs, will herald the annual harvest in a blaze of color and fragrance.

Sally Graham, 1989 Show chair, says more than 1500 entries are expected in this year's Show along with a fun-filled schedule of activities for members of the entire family.

HARVEST SHOW SPECIAL EVENTS

10 am-5 pm

Jack Eden, KYW Newsradio garden commentator, will answer gardening questions. (Saturday only)

11 am-4 pm

Robert Harvey, proprietor of Harvey's Honey, will perform beekeeping demonstrations and don his famous beard of bees.

1-2 pm

Harley Newman's Washtub Circus, billed as America's biggest one-man circus and world's smallest sideshow, will perform near the Children's Tent.

1-4 pm

Children's Activities Tent will feature pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, apple games and leaf mask making along with mounds of hay for play.

(Seed Mask Making for children will take place during Members Preview, September 22)

1-4 pm

Strolling musicians will play bluegrass, old-time and Dixie-style music.

(Performance will also take place during Members Preview)

HARVEST SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, September 23

- 1:00** A creative touch for setting your Autumn table (1 hr.)
Jeannette Goldberg, party planning consultant
- 2:00** Flower arranging in glass: in and under water (20 min.)
Bernice Makin, professional flower arranger
- 2:30** An introduction to Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging (20 min.)
Helen Flaig, teacher in the Ikenobo School of Ikebana
- 3:00** From the city to the 'burbs' — cooking with Autumn herbs (1 hr.)
Greg Funk, Executive Chef, Nature's Gourmet

Sunday, September 24

- 1:00** A bountiful serving of home preserving: safety tips and techniques (2 hr.)
Richard Bitner, Harvest Show preserved products, chair
- 2:00** Artistic Autumn Arrangements — decorating with dried flowers (20 min.)
Ellen Platt, proprietor of the Meadow Lark
- 2:30** May the Force be with you: spring bulbs for your home (20 min.)
Walt Fisher, Phila. Flower Show prize winner
- 3:00** The Appeal of Apples (1 hr.)
Rosemarie Vassalluzzo, food columnist, Advance of Bucks County

MEMBERS' HARVEST SHOW PREVIEW Friday, September 22, 4-7 pm

Plan to attend the 1989 Harvest Show Members' Preview. Cider, wine, and light snacks will be served.

Members may bring guests to the Preview for a charge of \$5 each, payable at the entrance.

GREENING GROUPS TO GATHER AT PHILADELPHIA'S INTERNATIONAL HOUSE — OCTOBER 8-13

PHS's Philadelphia Green program, in cooperation with the Penn State Urban Gardening program, is co-hosting the 10th Annual American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) conference in Philadelphia. The theme, "Community Development Through Greening, will highlight the tremendous impact gardening has on the inner city neighborhood.

As home to the largest and most successful community gardening program in the country, Philadelphia has a lot to show off to ACGA members. If you would like to attend the conference or would like more information, please call Eva Ray at our Philadelphia Green office, (215) 625-8280.



NEW FLOWER SHOW DATES

MARCH 11-18, 1990



HORTICOURT SYMPOSIUMS

Join us on **Friday, October 13th** at PHS (9:30 am) and **Monday, November 6th** at The Highlands in Fort Washington (10 am) as several of the Flower Show's veteran Horticultural exhibitors conduct two symposiums designed to take the mystery out of entering the Show. To receive more information call **Marge Meer** at 625-8292.

Activities

MEETINGS

(Open without charge to all)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, September 18, 7 pm

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William, 1st Viscount De L'Isle, will talk about Penshurst Place, his fascinating old family home and exceptional gardens, built in the 14th century. Located in Tonbridge, Kent, both house and garden have been subject to the vicissitudes of political and social change; and an examination of Penshurst Place becomes a history lesson from the Middle Ages through Elizabethan England into the 20th century.

Viscount De L'Isle served as Secretary of State for Air in Churchill's second government, Governor General of Australia, and director for many banking and insurance companies.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

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WORKSHOP: COUNTRY-STYLE ARRANGING-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Thursday, October 5, 10 am-noon

Audrey Nichols, frequent exhibitor and winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will teach how to achieve the mellow, unstudied appeal of country-style arranging.

Each participant should bring: clippers, box to transport finished arrangement, and a container with an opening not to exceed 8". A suitable container could be a favorite old basket, antique red ware, or a container of wood, tin, pewter, etc. All other materials will be supplied.

The emphasis of this program is style, not arranging principles. Participants should have knowledge of flower arranging basics.

Audrey Nichols has a background in decorative arts and wide experience designing for weddings and parties.

Fee: \$40 members; \$45 guests

DEMONSTRATION: PARTY FLOWERS

Wednesday, October 11, 10 am-noon

Jamie Rothstein, who specializes in creative arrangements for entertaining, returns to PHS with more ideas for effective arrangements for all occasions. Discussion topics include the careful selection of common and unusual flowers, importance and appropriateness of color in given situations, and compatibility of flowers and linens.

Jamie Rothstein, a distinctive floral designer in Olde City, Philadelphia, participated as a major exhibitor in the 1989 Philadelphia Flower Show.

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LECTURE: A HERITAGE OF BEAUTY— IRISH GARDENS AND THEIR PLANTS

Tuesday, October 17, 5:45-7:15 pm

Dr. E. Charles Nelson, taxonomist to the National Botanic Gardens in Dublin, Ireland will show some of Ireland's best gardens from the largest demesnes with parklands to the smallest town gardens growing a surprising variety of plants.

An internationally acknowledged

plantsman, Charles Nelson is a lecturer, garden historian, and writer best known for his books and articles on the history of gardens and garden plants.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

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LECTURE: SISSINGHURST'S PLANTS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS

Thursday, October 19, 5:45-7:15 pm

Sissinghurst, one of the world's most celebrated gardens, provides the backdrop for this lecture on garden plants.

Pamela Schwerdt, co-head gardener at Sissinghurst, will discuss choice plants, effective color combinations for flowers and foliage, and the skillful integration of roses, perennials, and shrubs into the mixed border.

Pamela Schwerdt and Sibylle Kreutzberger have been the head gardeners at Sissinghurst since 1959, three years before the death of Vita Sackville-West.

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IKEBANA SAMPLER

Members \$90____ Guests \$95____

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENING

Members \$18____ Guests \$20____

FORCING BULBS

Members \$30____ Guests \$34____

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LECTURE: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PLANT COLLECTIONS

Reserve ____ places

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Members \$5____ Guests \$7____

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LECTURE: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PLANT COLLECTIONS

Morris Arboretum

Friday, October 20, 1 pm

PHS joins six other horticultural institutions in the Delaware Valley to co-sponsor a free lecture on horticultural conservation.

'The Role of National Plant Collections: Principles, Problems, and Administration of Horticultural Conservation' is the subject of the talk by **R.A.W. Lowe, General Secretary of England's National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG)**. Mr. Lowe's presentation will include an analysis of factors leading to the loss of horticultural diversity in cultivation, arguments for conservation, observations on organizing and administering a national plant collections program, and a brief history of the struggles and successes of the NCCPG.

Although there is no charge for this program, seating is limited. Kindly reserve space by checking the appropriate box on the reservation form.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

November 15, 1989

Please join us for the Society's 162nd Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 5:00 pm at the Society's offices, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. We will elect new council members, take up any other business which may properly come before the meeting, and celebrate the recipients of the Society's awards.

The Society's Nominating Committee, **Henry H. Reichner, Jr.**, Chair; **Morris Cheston, Jr.**, **Ruth Colket**, **Donald L. Felley**, **Sally Graham**, **Barbara Heckert**, **Richard W. Lighty** and **Jane Ward** propose the following Council members for re-election for additional three year terms: **Richard W. Billings**, **Morris Cheston, Jr.**, **Charles H. Gale, Sr.**, **Sally Graham** (who was elected last year to fill the final year of an unexpired term), **Barbara Heckert**, **Mary B. Hopkins**, **Vernoca Michael** and **Alan P. Slack**. In addition they will place in nomination for three year terms the following persons who are not currently members of council:

Herb Clarke is a gardener from way back, and has chaired the Philadelphia Flower Show for the past three years, as well as serving as honorary chair of the City Gardens Contest for many years. Herb is a former member of the PHS Council, a member of the board of the Presbyterian Hospital as well as the much beloved weatherman on WCAU-TV.

Sallie Korman chaired the 1989 Flower Show Preview Dinner. In addition, Sallie is an active participant in many groups at the University of Pennsylvania, including the Board of Overseers of the School of Nursing, a member of the Institute of Contemporary Art and of the Abramsohn Committee.

Lee M. Raden has been an active member of the American Rock Garden Society for 27 years and is currently its president. He is a former PHS Council member, has written for *Green Scene* and serves on the Passing Committee for the Competitive Classes at the Flower Show as well as being a long-time and highly successful exhibitor. Lee is currently Director of Sales, Fabricated Metal.

Robert S. Ryan has been associated with PHS for almost two decades and is the immediate past chairman of the PHS Council. He is currently a member of the Flower Show Executive and Finance Committees and is a partner with Drinker Biddle & Reath.

Under the new by-laws of the Society adopted at the 1988 Annual Meeting, members now can vote either in person or by proxy. We hope that you can attend the meeting, but if you cannot, please clip out and return the proxy form. **WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THIS.** We may not have a quorum at the meeting unless enough proxies are returned.

Raul Betancourt, Secretary

PROXY FORM

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS, NOVEMBER 15, 1989

The undersigned hereby appoints Donald L. Felley, Jane G. Pepper and Raul Betancourt and each of them the true and lawful attorneys or attorney of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the annual meeting of the members of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, called to be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15, 1989, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

(Date)

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Philadelphia, PA 19106

If both husband and wife are members,
both should sign.

A Rejuvenated Azalea Garden

Off The Drawing Board and Out Making Friends

In the 1950's PHS installed the Azalea Garden to the west of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Now, PHS is leading a cooperative community effort to rejuvenate this much-loved and much-used Philadelphia spot.

In cooperation with the Fairmount Park Commission, we've planted new beds, rejuvenated old ones, pruned and fertilized existing healthy shrubs, and installed hundreds of new plants. Many are azaleas, but we've added magnolias, chionanthus and hydrangeas to extend the Garden's blooming season. As part of a new design by Shusterman and Schiller, we're also installing a grand entrance pergola with a brick terrace, benches, and Wissahickon schist sitting walls adjacent to the Sea Horse Fountain.

The Garden's restoration is truly a community group effort. Garden Club of America volunteers and the grounds crew from Friends Hospital pruned every azalea. Fairmount Park crews removed diseased trees. Bart-



lett Tree Company donated services to prune, cable and fertilize the large trees within the Garden.

Funding for the initial phases of this project came from monies raised through the Philadelphia Flower Show, The McLean Contributionship, Conservation Projects, Inc., the Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America, The Parklands Foundation and several generous donors.

Won't you join us to keep the momentum going? **Friends of the Azalea Garden**, chaired by **DJ and Howard Brosius**, is a growing group of people who love the garden and want to contribute time, enthusiasm and money to assure continued care after the restoration is completed.

Please return the form at the bottom of this page to become a Charter Member of Friends of the Azalea Garden with a donation of \$25.00

BUY A BENCH

Included in the Azalea Garden's new design are teak sitting benches. A donation of \$1,000 allows Friends to purchase a classic Dunkirk style bench which can be dedicated in recognition or memory of a friend or family member. The Garden's design includes spaces for only 12 of the benches. To take advantage of this limited opportunity, please contact Jane Pepper at the Society.

(Be sure to return Proxy Form on reverse side, Pg. 4)

☐ **YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A FRIEND OF THE AZALEA GARDEN**

I am interested in contributing:

☐ **Time to:**

- help plant additional perennials and bulbs
- weed and prune

☐ **Enthusiasm to:**

- lead tours for visitors
- tout the Garden's virtues to friends

☐ **Money to:**

- buy a bench
- hire a maintenance crew to do clean-up and lawn mowing
- purchase specialized services such as tree pruning

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Day _____ Evening _____

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$25 (payable to PHS/Azalea Garden) to enroll as a member of the Friends of the Azalea Garden.

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Jane Pepper, President, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society,
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Elizabeth Farley, assistant director, teacher, and expert guide, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum, emphasizing fall foliage and ornamentals with interesting fall fruit.

Registrants should bring lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the art collection at your leisure.

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Special Events**PHS ANNUAL PLANT DIVIDEND****Friday, September 8, noon-7:30 pm****Saturday, September 9, 9:30 am-noon**

This Annual Plant Dividend will be held in conjunction with the Library Booksale.

Members are invited to visit PHS to select a complimentary plant for each individual membership and three plants for family, contributing, and life memberships.

We are sorry we cannot set aside plants or take telephone orders—it's first come, first serve.

An impressive variety of plants have been grown by members for this annual event. Houseplants of maidenhair fern for shady spots and succulents for bright windows; Perennials of Canterbury bells and toad lily and Trees and Shrubs of Chinese dogwood and dwarf Japanese azalea are just a few of the treats available to members.

We hope you will visit PHS and enjoy iced tea, a leisurely stroll in the garden and take advantage of the opportunity to make some interesting purchases at the Library Booksale.

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1989 MAJOR AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The Awards Committee, under the leadership of Committee chair, **Martha Barron**, announced the following nominees for the Society's most prestigious awards.

The Distinguished Achievement medal will be presented to **Elisabeth Woodburn**, doyenne of the botanical and horticultural book world in the United States. From her converted barn/home known as Booknoll Farm, Elisabeth has created an outstanding horticultural book business housing more than 14,000 books, a testimony to her knowledge of the history and literature in the field.

Elisabeth's contribution to libraries across the country is unsurpassed. She has served on the PHS Library Committee since 1965 and it is to her that we owe the inspiration for the library's Pennsylvania Collection. Elisabeth has carried this philosophy of local completeness to libraries all over the country, ensuring regional strength and preservation of the ephemeral yet important local materials like seed catalogs and pamphlets. From the formation of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries in 1965 to her work with the collection building process at such institutions as the University of Delaware, PHS and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Elisabeth has proven herself a 20th century evangelist for the cause of horticulture and the preservation of not only the older works but also those from the 19th and 20th century.

Certificates of Merit will be presented to **Gary Geers**, **Sally Reath** and **Albert F.W. Vick, Jr.**

This past year, FARM, HOME & GARDEN celebrated its 35th year on KYW-TV, making it the Delaware Valley's longest-running television show and the country's oldest farm program. As its writer, producer, and host, **Gary**

Geers remains as enthusiastic as he was in 1953. From farmers to agriculturists to consumers, Gary brings news of the environment and the economy and its effects on horticulture and agriculture in the Delaware Valley. His special guests have included experts in the field and children who garden in the city, community gardeners and extension agents.

Very few of the area plant societies, arboreta and garden clubs have escaped the generosity of **Sally Reath**. Many of their members have toured her magnificent garden in Devon and everyone has come away from her outstanding collection of plants much the wiser horticulturally and usually with a plant in hand. Sally is respected throughout the nation as a horticulturist par excellence, but her greatest gift has been her ability to motivate, to teach, and to inspire others. Sally served on the PHS Council 1980-86, as President of the Four Counties Garden Club 1965-67, as Director of the National Horticulture Committee 1978-80 and has received numerous awards from the Garden Club of America. Her invaluable contributions to the Competitive Classes and Judges and Awards Committees of the Philadelphia Flower Show are surpassed only by her many winning entries as a Show exhibitor.

Albert F.W. Vick, Jr. has played a vital role as a major exhibitor in the Philadelphia Flower Show for more than 50 years. His award winning, naturalistic designs have been a skillful blend of country landscape and exceptional specimen plantings. Through his nursery business, Vick's Wildgardens, Al has built a reputation as an expert on wild flower plantings and as a restorationist of naturalistic beauty. One of his many notable works being the gardens at Deerfield.

Al served as President of the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association in 1954 and received the PNA's highest honor, Nurseryman of the Year for 1974-75.

Major Awards presentations will be made at the Society's Annual Meeting, Wednesday, November 15 at 5:00 pm.

FLOWER SHOW ARRANGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

Join us for the Philadelphia Flower Show Arrangement Symposium November 1 at The Highlands. **Helen Jones**, **Helene Detweiler** and **Marion Felheimer**, experienced Flower Show exhibitors, tell all you need to know to make a winning entry in the Show. For more information call Marge Meer at (215) 625-8292.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS,
NOVEMBER 15, 1989

The undersigned hereby appoints Donald L. Felley, Jane G. Pepper and Raul Betancourt and each of them the true and lawful attorneys or attorney of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the annual meeting of the members of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, called to be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15, 1989, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

(Date)

If both husband and wife are members, both should sign.

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Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS
(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY
Monday, October 16, 7 pm
Ed Carter, John Slowik:
Home Orchid Culture
Monday, November 20, 7 pm
Van Ewert: Paphiopedilums

LECTURE: PENSHURST PLACE
Thursday, October 5, 5:45-7:15 pm
William, 1st Viscount De L'Isle, will talk about Penshurst Place, his fascinating old family home and exceptional gardens, built in the 14th century.
Viscount De L'Isle served as Secretary of State for Air in Churchill's second government, Governor General of Australia, and director for many banking and insurance companies.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

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WORKSHOP: COUNTRY-STYLE ARRANGING-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
Thursday, October 5, 10 am-noon

Audrey Nichols, frequent exhibitor and winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will teach how to achieve the mellow, unstudied appeal of country-style arranging.

Each participant should bring: clippers, box to transport finished arrangement, and a container with an opening not to exceed 8". A suitable container could be a favorite old basket, antique red ware, or a container of wood, tin, pewter, etc. All other materials will be supplied.

The emphasis of this program is style, not arranging principles. Participants should have knowledge of flower arranging basics.

Fee: \$40 members; \$45 guests

DEMONSTRATION: PARTY FLOWERS
Wednesday, October 11, 10 am-noon

Jamie Rothstein, who specializes in creative arrangements for entertaining, returns to PHS with more ideas for effective arrangements for all occasions. Discussion topics include the careful selection of common and unusual flowers, importance and appropriateness of color in given situations, and compatibility of flowers and linens.

Jamie Rothstein, a distinctive floral designer in Olde City, Philadelphia, participated as a major exhibitor in the 1989 Philadelphia Flower Show.

Fee: \$17 members; \$20 guests.

LECTURE: A HERITAGE OF BEAUTY—IRISH GARDENS AND THEIR PLANTS
Tuesday, October 17, 5:45-7:15 pm

Dr. E. Charles Nelson, taxonomist to the National Botanic Gardens in Dublin, Ireland will show some of Ireland's best gardens from the largest demesnes with parklands to the smallest town gardens growing a surprising variety of plants.

An internationally acknowledged plantsman, Charles Nelson is a lecturer, garden historian, and writer best known for his books and articles on the history of gardens and garden plants.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

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LECTURE: SISSINGHURST'S PLANTS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS

Thursday, October 19, 5:45-7:15 pm

Sissinghurst, one of the world's most celebrated gardens, provides the backdrop for this lecture on garden plants. **Pamela Schwerdt**, co-head gardener at Sissinghurst, will discuss choice plants, effective color combinations for flowers and foliage, and the skillful integration of roses, perennials, and shrubs into the mixed border.

Pamela Schwerdt and Sibylle Kreutzberger have been the head gardeners at Sissinghurst since 1959, three years before the death of Vita Sackville-West.

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LECTURE: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL PLANT COLLECTIONS

Morris Arboretum

Friday, October 20, 1 pm

PHS joins six other horticultural institutions in the Delaware Valley to co-sponsor a free lecture on horticultural conservation.

"The Role of National Plant Collections: Principles, Problems, and Administration of Horticultural Conservation" is the subject of the talk by **R.A.W. Lowe, General Secretary of England's National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens (NCCPG)**.

Although there is no charge for this program, seating is limited. Kindly reserve space by checking the appropriate box on the reservation form.

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Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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Members \$34____

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Members \$15____ Guests \$18____

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Members \$28____ Guests \$32____

WORKSHOP: ARRANGING IN A CANDLEHOLDER

Members \$33____ Guests \$36____

WORKSHOP: HOUSEPLANTS

Members \$35____ Guests \$38____

FIELD TRIP: AUTUMN STROLL AT CHANTICLEER

Members \$5____ Guests \$7____

FIELD TRIP: WALDOR ORCHIDS AND FISCHER GREENHOUSES

Members \$22____ Guests \$25____

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☐ Please send an itinerary for the PHS trip to England, June 25-July 10, 1990

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Camera functions will not be taught; the emphasis will be analyzing and improving the photographer's ability to visualize. Do not bring camera equipment; just come and enjoy.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

GATHERED WREATH WORKSHOP **Monday, November 13, 10 am-noon**

Many fragrant and easily dried herbs and wildflowers can be found in city lots and country meadows. Herb craftspeople **Ruth Flounders** and **Frank Keiser** will show how to use and handle gathered materials as they guide students through steps for constructing a wreath of sweet Annie, mountain mint, Queen Anne's lace and a wealth of other common, yet beautiful, plants.

Bring clippers and a box to transport finished 14" wreath. All other materials will be provided. Limited to 12.

Fee: \$28 members; \$32 guests

WORKSHOP: ARRANGING IN A CANDLEHOLDER **(Intermediate Level)**

Wednesday, November 15, 10 am-noon

Audrey Nichols will show how to create simple but sophisticated arrangements that emanate from a small base on a candleholder and can be adapted for use with fewer flowers.

Bring your favorite candlestick, clippers, and a box to transport completed arrangement. All flowers and other materials will be provided.

Audrey Nichols, a frequent exhibitor in the Philadelphia Flower Show, has a background in the decorative arts.

Fee: \$33 members; \$36 guests

WORKSHOP: HOUSEPLANTS **Saturday, November 18, 10 am-noon**

Avid gardener **Ed Lindemann** will suggest ways to promote a healthy indoor garden with tips on culture, maintenance, grooming, fertilizing, and pruning. Discussions will cover air circulation, light, disease prevention, and propagation techniques.

Participants will divide and repot different types of plants and should bring a medium size kitchen knife and a box to transport several 4-5" clay pots.

Ed Lindemann is PHS horticulturist, Flower Show designer, and an experienced home gardener.

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Linwood, NJ

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Our first stop will be Waldor Orchids, where **Walter Off** will take us in hand. After a tour of the greenhouses and an orchid-potting demonstration, Walt will lead us to the adjacent Brighton Farms, the largest supplier of cattleya cut flowers on the east coast.

We'll eat our brown-bag lunch at Fischer's Greenhouse and then tour the complex, including a production greenhouse. The Fischers specialize in gesneriads but also offer tropical plants and field azaleas.

Details of bus pick-up in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed in mid-October.

Fee: \$22 members; \$25 guests

Other Events

Southeast Pennsylvania Orchid Society Auction

Wednesday, October 11

7:30 pm

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GREAT GARDENS OF ENGLAND

Join 25 PHS members and guests for a two-week tour of great private and public gardens in southern England, June 25-July 10. We'll visit outstanding gardens in Kent, the Cotswolds and Somerset, including the famous gardens at Sissinghurst, Hidcote, Barnsley House, Penshurst Place, and Great Dixter.

The tour will be a good blend of extraordinary horticultural and cultural sights through charming villages and towns, ending in London where you'll have opportunities to shop and explore the cultural and historic treasures of the city. Those interested in architecture will enjoy Bath, a fine example of town planning, and Salisbury, considered by many to have the most beautiful cathedral in England.

Betsy Gullan, PHS Membership Coordinator, and **Jean Lenehan** of Tours at la Carte will accompany the group.

To receive an itinerary, kindly check the box on the reservation form, page three.

HARVEST SHOWS AND HURRICANES - A Bountiful, Blustery Pair

Hurricane Hugo, with Iris in pursuit, tried its darndest to create a scene at this

year's Harvest Show but the sun shone on our gardening efforts and once again, under the able leadership of Show chair, **Sally Graham**, the Show was a smashing success.

The 1989 Harvest Show set a record with more than 1,700 entries that included many displays from 71 of Philadelphia's community gardens.

The best of the best of this year's winners follows:

PHS AWARDS

The Certificate of Excellence was awarded to the **Scott Arboretum** of Swarthmore College for their educational display; **Bill and Mary Coppens**, Philadelphia, for their container garden and the **Pennsylvania Bonsai Society**. The PHS Gardener's Sweepstakes to the individual winning the greatest number of blue ribbons in two or more sections of the Show was awarded to **Stephen Roberts** and **William Marshall**, Malvern, with 22 blue ribbons. The Community Garden Sweepstakes Certificate went to the garden at **Pearl and Conestoga Sts.** with 11 blue ribbons and the PHS Club Sweepstakes was won by **Four Counties Garden Club** with 10 blue ribbons.

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Pepperpot

With heavy rains just finished and more forecast most of us would likely try to figure out how to stay indoors for the rest of the day. Out in the Society's Eighteenth Century Garden, however, some real troopers were going to work, removing summer annuals in preparation for the fall planting of mums. Even with mud up to their elbows they still had smiles. On behalf of everyone who walks through that beautiful garden on a regular basis and on behalf of the thousands of visitors that gain pleasure from it each year, grateful thanks to our loyal team of garden volunteers: **Wilma Crane**, **Edward A. Doelp**, **Helen Evelyn**, **Johanna Goedel**, **Charles S. Holman, Jr.**, **Helen Kaufman**, **Kitty Lapp**, **Matthew H. McConnell**, **Ann McPhail**, **Jane M. Newcomer**, **Harriett Richards**, **Kinnie Schmidt** and **Frances Vollmer**.

Thanks also to **Kathy Mills** who has worked with the gardeners for the past two years in her role as Assistant Horticulturist. We wish her all the best in her new job as Horticulturist at the Wilmington Garden Center and look forward to working with her on other projects.

Jane

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President

Gifts to Grow On

What better way to celebrate the holidays than by giving a friend a year's membership in PHS. This year round pleasure provides a free plant, subscriptions to the award-winning *Green Scene* magazine and *PHS News*, a free ticket to the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Harvest Show, as well as advance notice on workshops, trips and many other activities.

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Monday, December 11

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Species and Hybrids

PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

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Walt will share some of his ideas and secrets on horticultural photography through a slide presentation and commentary on why and how specific pictures were taken. He will show the differences between good and bad shots and discuss composition, quality of light, lens adjustment, and changes a photographer can make to enhance photo opportunities. Discussions will also include a brief segment on marketing photos, what editors look for, and how to get started.

Camera functions will not be taught; the emphasis will be analyzing and improving the photographer's ability to visualize. Do not bring camera equipment; just come and enjoy.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

GATHERED WREATH WORKSHOP Monday, November 13, 10 am-noon

Many fragrant and easily dried herbs and wildflowers can be found in city lots and country meadows. Herb craftspeople **Ruth Flounders** and **Frank Keiser** will show how to use and handle gathered materials as they guide students through steps for constructing a wreath of sweet Annie, mountain mint, Queen Anne's lace and a wealth of other common, yet beautiful, plants.

Bring clippers and a box to transport finished 14" wreath. All other materials will be provided. Limited to 12.

Fee: \$28 members; \$32 guests

WORKSHOP: ARRANGING IN A CANDLEHOLDER

(Intermediate Level)

Wednesday, November 15, 10 am-noon

Audrey Nichols will show how to create simple but sophisticated arrangements that emanate from a small base on a candleholder and can be adapted for use with fewer flowers.

Bring your favorite candlestick, clippers, and a box to transport completed arrangement. All flowers and other materials will be provided.

Audrey Nichols, a frequent exhibitor in the Philadelphia Flower Show, has a background in the decorative arts.

Fee: \$33 members; \$36 guests

WORKSHOP: HOUSEPLANTS Saturday, November 18, 10 am-noon

Avid gardener **Ed Lindemann** will suggest ways to promote a healthy indoor garden with tips on culture, maintenance, grooming, fertilizing, and pruning. Discussions will cover air circulation, light, disease prevention, and propagation techniques.

Participants will divide and repot different types of plants and should bring a medium size kitchen knife and a box to transport several 4-5" clay pots.

Ed Lindemann is PHS horticulturist, Flower Show designer, and an experienced home gardener.

Fee of \$35 for members and \$38 for guests includes plants and all other materials.

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Field Trips

FIELD TRIP: WALDOR ORCHIDS AND FISCHER GREENHOUSES

Linwood, NJ

Monday, November 6, 8:15 am-4 pm

Our first stop will be Waldor Orchids, where **Walter Off** will take us in hand. After a tour of the greenhouses and an orchid-potting demonstration, Walt will lead us to the adjacent Brighton Farms, the largest supplier of cattleya cut flowers on the east coast.

We'll eat our brown-bag lunch at Fischer's Greenhouse and then tour the complex, including a production greenhouse. The Fischers specialize in gesneriads but also offer tropical plants and field azaleas.

Details of bus pick-up in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed in mid-October.

Fee: \$22 members; \$25 guests

HARVEST SHOW AWARDS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Elizabeth Moore of Darling, PA captured the Creativity Award for her arrangement in Class 3, "At The Helm". The Tricolor Award was presented to **Jeannie Craig** and **Ginnie Tietjens**, Fort Washington, for their entry in Class 8, "Red Sails At Sunset" and the Award of Horticultural Excellence for the Horticultural Exhibit scoring 95 points or more and judged as the finest in the National Council Sections of the Horticultural Division went to **Margaret Hunter** of Dresher for her display entitled, "Weighing In The Harvest", an entry in the Through a Harvest Window class. Walt Fisher, a perennial Harvest Show winner from Bryn Mawr, won the Award of Merit for his celosia. The Arboreal Award, presented in the Cut Branches Section of the Show went to **Tod Phillippi**, Philadelphia. **Bill** and **Mary Coppens** took home the Educational Award for their container garden exhibit. Junior Achievement Awards were presented to **Kira Morrow** of Carson Kindergarten, Pennsauken, NJ, and **Harry Milbourne**, Philadelphia, in the Junior Design Sections of the Show and to **Malik Johnson** and **Aaron Jones**, both of Philadelphia, for their Horticultural entries.

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

Susan Godfrey, Reading, PA, received the Special Recognition Award for her entry in the Design Class "Delta Drift". The Educational and Conservation Award was presented to **Scott Arboretum** for their special display, "Fragrance Plants for the Garden".

DISTRICT 1 AWARD

The District 1 Trophy awarded to the blue ribbon winner in the Design Section Table Class was presented to Hope Wood and Sandy Young, both of West Chester, for their entry entitled, "Captain's Table".

PHILADELPHIA AREA JUDGES COUNCIL AWARD

Ginny Tietjens and **Jeannie Craig** captured the Katharine Littlewood Reiger Memorial Trophy for their outstanding blue ribbon entry in the Design Class, Red Sails At Sunset.

New in the Library

- ☐ *American landscape architecture: designers and places*, William H. Tishler, 1989.
- ☐ *Backyard cash crops*, Craig Wallin, 1989.
- ☐ *The bamboo fences of Japan*, Isao Yoshikawa, 1988.
- ☐ *Designing with trees*, Anthony Paul, 1989.
- ☐ *The field & garden vegetables of America*, Fearing Burr, 1988.
- ☐ *Fruit, berry and nut inventory*, Kent Whealy, 1989.
- ☐ *In search of flowers of the Amazon Forests*, Margaret Mee, 1988.

☐ *Japanese gardens of the modern era*, Haruzo Ohashi, 1987.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When returning book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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AIDES NEEDED FOR 1990 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Arrangement Aides are needed daily March 10-17 (except Sunday) from 6:45 to 9:30 am.

Barrier Aides are needed daily March 12-17 to facilitate judging of design classes from 8 am until judging is completed around 1 pm.

Hospitality Aides are needed daily (except Sunday) March 10-17 from 6:45 to 9:30 am.

Horticulture Barrier Aides are needed on Tuesday, March 13 and Friday, March 16 from 8:45 until judging is completed.

We welcome PHS members as volunteers; please check the appropriate box on the Reservations coupon on page three.

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A Greening Tradition Puts Out New Roots

1990 will be another banner year for PHS's Philadelphia Green program. Since 1974, the Society has worked with more than 700 groups in Philadelphia to help plant vegetable gardens and window boxes, street trees and sitting parks in an effort to breathe new green life into some of the City's low-and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Assisting us in the development of these programs is generous support from local foundations and corporations, a grant from the **Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD)** and funding from the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Preview Dinner. Recently, Philadelphia Green Director **Blaine Bonham** and his staff initiated a crop of challenging new Philadelphia Green projects.

Landscape Program

With contract funding from the **Department of Licenses and Inspections**, and in conjunction with the **Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network (PAGN)**, this fall Philadelphia Green began work on 100 of the 1,000 vacant lots scheduled for greening over the next few seasons.

Under the direction of site development manager **Michael Groman**, landscape coordinator **Mark Teller** and members of the **Philadelphia Youth Service Corps**, a non-profit educational development organization for young adults, small trees and a variety of low-maintenance shrubs and perennials were planted after PAGN installed the fences. The landscape program's goals are to make a visual impact in several neighborhoods, most of which are located in North Philadelphia, and also to encourage community groups to take an active role in further greening efforts in their areas.

Tree Champions

In September, Philadelphia Green began a new tree planting program funded by **The William Penn Foundation**.

Over the next four years, we will plant 3,000 trees throughout the city with an emphasis on plantings in North Philadelphia.

Currently, Philadelphia has about half the number of trees it could support and many of these are in a state of natural and environmental decline. For this reason, and because of the increasing problems caused by pollutants, the Tree Champion Program is timely and we're grateful to the Foundation for the opportunity to improve the "lungs" of the City. We're also pleased at the opportunity to experiment by planting species not currently used extensively as street trees, to test their adaptability for future plantings in Philadelphia and other cities.

The program will be led by **Jonathan Frank**, dubbed Johnny Appleseed by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, with assistance from **Susan B. Phillips**, tree program coordinator. With the landscape crew, they will plant trees at gateways and along commercial strips, as well as on residential streets. Philadelphia Green will be working with the City's **Planning Commission** and the **Office of Housing & Community Development** to develop planting strategies that reflect efforts to implement the Mayor's North Philadelphia Plan. The program also calls for educational workshops with neighborhood groups throughout the City.

Continuing Efforts

Depressing stories about public housing appear all too frequently in the press. Rarely do we hear about positive aspects, such as the drive, energy and inspiration of **Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA)** residents when it comes to creating gardens.

Residents in Champlost Public Housing, several blocks of two-story rowhouses, have met the greening challenge head-on and created an oasis in East Oak Lane with colorful front yard gardens and window boxes.

Three other public housing sites, Johnson Homes, Wilson Park and Emlen Arms have begun greening activities with fence-making workshops, pruning days and planting sessions. These PHA sites are large and at times the progress may seem slow, but **Juanita Wooten** and **Deborah Hall**, Philadelphia Green staff members who run these programs, have learned to appreciate each gardener because he or she has the potential to inspire a couple of neighbors. Gradually the snowball begins to roll and the greening movement picks up momentum.

The Greene Countrie Towne Program, started in 1980 and expanded in 1986 with funding from **The Pew Charitable Trusts** to fulfill the increasing demand for greening in certain clustered areas of the City, now boasts four official Greene Countrie Townes (West Hagert, West Shore, Francisville and Point Breeze) with three others (Susquehanna, Strawberry Mansion, and Norris Square) scheduled for completion over the next three years.

In the coming year we will continue work on the West Philadelphia Project, also funded by Pew and started in 1987 as a cooperative venture between Philadelphia Green and **The Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania**.

Working with residents in three areas of West Philadelphia, students and Philadelphia Green staff members **Denise Jefferson** and **Susan Ross** joined with neighbors to design and plant gardens that met the specific needs of each community. One of the most ambitious gardens is at 49th and Aspen Streets. After analyzing several designs presented by students, Aspen Farms gardeners chose one featuring an arbor and 14 raised beds in geometric configurations. The results are stunning. Stop by next summer and get acquainted with the gardeners at Aspen Farms.

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Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS (Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, December 11, 7 pm

Barbara Tisherman: *Odontoglossum* species and hybrids

Monday, January 15, 7 pm

Mark Werther: *Broughtonia* species and hybrids

SPECIAL EVENTS

PHS HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

December 6-28

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BASKETRY WORKSHOP: TWO - PIE BASKET

Monday, January 8, 10 am-2 pm

Snowdate: January 15, 10 am-2 pm

Experienced basket weaver **Linda Tenaglia** returns to PHS with a new series of baskets to make, whether you're just starting basketry or adding to an existing collection.

This long shallow basket, capable of carrying two pies side by side, is very functional and can be used for gathering vegetables from the garden or carrying food to a picnic. Measuring 20" long, 10" wide, and 4" high, it is woven in dyed and natural splint reed with a pre-formed oak handle. Suitable for beginners/intermediates.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, and one dozen spring-type clothespins; all other materials will be provided. Bring lunch; coffee and tea will be available.

Fee: \$35 members; \$39 guests

WORKSHOP: FLOWER ARRANGING FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, January 9 and 16, 10 am-noon

Audrey Nichols, floral designer and frequent blue ribbon winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will take in hand members who have just started to arrange or those who feel insecure about the basics. This workshop in two sessions will focus on arranging guidelines, conditioning flowers, arranging tools, and mechanics. Audrey will discuss design, form, color, balance, and proportion with the aim of developing more confidence and training the eye regarding elements of flower arranging.

Each session participants will create a mass arrangement to take home. Fee of \$79 for members and \$89 for guests includes materials and flowers for both sessions.

Program limited to 12.

LECTURE: GARDENS OF MAINE

Wednesday, January 10, 5:45-7:15 pm

Coastal Maine holds a special lure for PHS members because of extraordinary gardens that flourish in the near-perfect weather akin to British summers. A wide range of interesting flora abounds in this region of mists, sunshine, and moderate temperatures.

Avid Maine gardener **Peggy Bowditch** has photographed favorite plants and gardens, some of which will be included in the PHS trip to Maine in August 1990. Included are spectacular scenery, wildflowers, country gardens, and elegant estates with lush perennial borders.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

NOTE: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: RANDOM RAMBLINGS OF A GARDENER

Thursday, January 18, 5:45-7:15 pm

This lecture is a totally personal illustrated essay on plants and gardens through the eyes of **Marco Polo Stufano**, Director of Horticulture at Wave Hill, N.Y. and the person responsible for the garden's development and ongoing creative planting and care. Marco will show a selection of plants of distinction and gardens of note photographed at home and while traveling over the past 20 years.

The program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

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PROPAGATION WORKSHOP:

ORNAMENTAL EVERGREENS

Saturday, January 20, 9:30-noon

Alan P. Slack, experienced propagator and PHS Council member, has developed a following among members eager to master easy and reliable propagating techniques. This session is devoted to ornamental evergreens, which add interest and variety to our landscapes.

Learn about varieties, culture, uses, and how to propagate smaller evergreens including dwarf conifers. Discussion topics will include many uses of evergreens from use in the garden to patio containers. Participants will propagate some rarer forms of evergreens.

All materials will be provided.

Fee: \$24 members; \$29 guests

WORKSHOP: ORCHIDS FOR THE HOME

Monday, January 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Orchid hobbyist **John Leonard** insists that growing orchids in the home is a fairly easy, straight-forward process involving neither mystery nor magic. He

will discuss orchids suitable for home culture and potting techniques in this practical workshop designed for beginning orchid growers.

Discussion topics will include plant selection, potting mixes, pot selection, staking, watering, fertilizing, and tips on initiating new growth. Each participant will repot and take home an orchid which is six to twelve months from blooming.

John Leonard, longtime member of PHS and the American Orchid Society, exhibits prize-winning orchids at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

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LECTURE: GARDEN MEMORIES

Members \$10____ Guests \$12____

LECTURE - GARDEN MEMORIES: APPEAL TO THE SENSES

Thursday, February 1, 5:45-7:15 pm

The old-fashioned flowers that enhanced gardens in earlier times are hard to find today, having given way to "new and improved" although not necessarily better varieties. In some cases, vintage species are easier to grow, more fragrant, and more beautiful than their modern counterparts.

Elsa Bakalar, Massachusetts garden designer, lecturer, and writer, believes we can enjoy the best of today and yesterday side by side in the garden to enrich the visual impact and to appeal to the other senses. Mrs. Bakalar will discuss old-fashioned flowers that conjure up feelings of romance or nostalgia and will explore ways to bring them back and to use them in gardens today.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

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New in the Library

- The Book of potpourri.* Penny Black, 1989.
- The Complete garden planning manual.* Derek Fell, 1989.
- Epiphyllum.* Marga Leue, 1989.
- Floral art.* Wolfgang Hageney, 1988.
- Garden furniture design & construction.* Anthony Jackson, 1988.
- Gardening with style.* Peter King, 1988.
- How does your garden grow.* Pamela Jones, 1989.
- Landscaping the American dream: the gardens and film sets of Florence Yoch; 1890-1972.* James Yoch, 1989.
- Market what you grow.* Ralph J. Hills, 1989.
- The New age herbalist.* Richard Mabey, 1988.
- Rose gardens.* Jane Fearnley-Whittingstall, 1989.
- The Shell guide to gardens of England and Wales.* Sarah Hollis, 1989.

The Hotline will be closed for the month of December. We will resume our regular hours of operation, Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 12:00 on January 3, 1990. The Hotline number is 922-8043.

GREAT GARDENS OF ENGLAND June 25-July 10

If you haven't completed your holiday gift list, consider giving an unusual and unforgettable trip to great private and public gardens in southern England. We'll prepare a holiday package containing promises of all the good things to come.

Betsy Gullan, Members Activities Coordinator, and **Jean Lenehan** of Tours a la Carte will lead members and guests through southern England on a tour of outstanding horticultural and cultural sights. We'll travel from Kent to the Cotswolds with the final days in London.

Highlights of the tour will be the famous gardens at Sissinghurst Castle, Barnsley House, and Tintinhull interspersed with visits to extraordinary private gardens. **Nada Jennett** will be our British horticultural guide.

To receive an itinerary, kindly check the box on the reservation form, page three.

A Greening Tradition

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A Chance To Be Involved

PHS members, our most valuable resource, can assist in the greening of Philadelphia by becoming judges in the City Gardens Contest, by joining us as volunteers for the Junior Flower Show or the Harvest Show, and by continuing to be cheerleaders and promoters of the greening movement in Philadelphia. If you would like to help, please contact **Eva Ray**, Assistant to the Director, Philadelphia Green, at 625-8280 or write to her at PHS.

LANDSCAPE DESIGNER/ CONSULTANT LIST

From time to time PHS is asked to suggest names of firms and individuals who will do landscape design consultations. We are redoing our listing for 1990. If you are a landscape designer/consultant and would like to receive the questionnaire from which we will compile our listing, please contact Janet Evans, PHS Library (625-8261) before January 15, 1990.



1990 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW Arrangement Classes Winter Workshops January 24-March 7

Arrangement workshops will be held at The Highlands in Fort Washington on Wednesdays from 10 am-12. Exhibitors may try out their designs, backgrounds and lighting in regulation Flower Show niches and receive helpful suggestions from experienced advisors, **Katie King** and **Ginnie Simonin**.

Each week a short demonstration in one of the exhibit spaces will be featured:
January

24 Open Space - Sally Yow

31 Miniature Niche - Ginny Tietjens

February

7 Large Niche - Audrey Nichols

14 Small Niche - Sanna Drake

21 Defined Space - Pat McCloud

28 Medium Niche - Anne Coste

All niches and pedestals will be available for practice every Wednesday, January 24 to March 7.

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SPONSORSHIPS PROVIDE ELEGANT EDGE TO FLOWER SHOW

The opulent life of Monaco is portrayed in glorious floral splendor at this year's Flower Show as the **Garden Club of Monaco**, presided over by **H.S.H. Princess Caroline of Monaco**, stages a collaborative exhibit with the **Garden Club of Philadelphia** chaired by **Cynthia Cheston**. The display entitled, "La Joie du Jardinage - The Joy of Gardening" will transport you to a palatial balcony overlooking the famous harbor at Monte Carlo where your view is enhanced by lush plantings and rich furnishings. **Air France**, the official carrier for the 1990 Show, will provide complimentary transportation for our special exhibitors from Monaco.

Sponsorships in the Flower Show allow us to enjoy the international world of gardening by inviting acclaimed horticulturists and horticultural institutions to share their creative talents and expertise with Show visitors. **AT&T** has been a key sponsor in the Show for several years and we are happy to have their participation in 1990 in this exciting Monaco/Philadelphia collaborative display.

Here at home, **Gale Nurseries** of Gwynedd takes center stage as this year's Central Feature exhibitor. Gale will create a 7800 square foot display featuring more than 900 roses donated by **The Conard-Pyle Company** of West Grove. **Charlie Gale**, a master in the art of forcing plants into bloom, will work with exceptional French stock introduced by the House of Meilland - 'Queen Elizabeth', "Grace de Monaco", "Sonia" and "Stardance" - to be used in the Monaco/Philadelphia collaborative display, and will work with a wide variety of large

flowered climbing roses, Hybrid Teas, standards, miniatures and mounds of shrub roses, all blooming in shades of pink - blush, rose, coral - and contrasted with whites, for the Central Feature. The centerpiece of Gale's multi-garden central exhibit will be a sparkling fountain and thousands of Gale's famous perennials primed to perfection.

Conard Pyle's generous donation coupled with Gale's creative talents promise us one of the finest exhibitions of roses ever presented at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Please check your mailbox early this month for your final membership renewal notice. If you have not renewed yet, kindly do so as soon as possible so that we're sure to include your name in the Flower Show ticket mailing this month. In addition to Flower Show tickets, this mailing will include general Show information, spring activities list, and membership cards.

If you paid your dues but have not received your tickets by February 13, please call Linda Davis at (215) 625-8265.

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If you enjoy working with people and would like to represent PHS in the booth on the Show floor, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form. Additional information about duties and times will be sent in late January.

1990 PHS TRAVEL PROGRAM

Now that the holidays have passed, it's time to think about travel adventures for 1990. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is planning two smashing horticultural trips here and abroad, beginning with a 14-day tour of great private and public gardens in southern England. **Betsy Gullan**, Members Activities Coordinator, and **Jean Lenehan** of Tours al al Carte will lead the group from Tunbridge Wells west to Penelope Hobhouse's Tintinhull, with the final few days in London.

You'll have just enough time to develop your film and repack your suitcase before departing for four days of mostly private garden visits in Maine, August 6-9. Horticulturist **Peggy Bowditch** and **Ed Lindemann**, Philadelphia Flower Show designer, will lead the group to gardens around Bar Harbor and Dark Harbor.

Itineraries for the English trip are ready now. Maine itineraries will be ready in mid-January. For more information, kindly check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three.

Activities

LECTURES, MEETING
(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, January 15, 7 pm

Mark Werther: *Broughtonia Species and Hybrids*

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BASKETRY WORKSHOP:

TWO - PIE BASKET

Monday, January 8, 10 am-2 pm

Snowdate: January 15, 10 am-2 pm

Experienced basket weaver **Linda Tenaglia** returns to PHS with a new series of baskets to make, whether you're just starting basketry or adding to an existing collection.

This long shallow basket, capable of carrying two pies side by side, is very functional and can be used for gathering vegetables from the garden or carrying food to a picnic. Measuring 20" long, 10" wide, and 4" high, it is woven in dyed and natural splint reed with a pre-formed oak handle. Suitable for beginners/intermediates.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, and one dozen spring-type clothespins; all other materials will be provided. Bring lunch; coffee and tea will be available.

Fee: \$35 members; \$39 guests

WORKSHOP: FLOWER ARRANGING FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, January 9 and 16, 10 am-noon

Audrey Nichols, floral designer and frequent blue ribbon winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will take in hand members who have just started to arrange or those who feel insecure about the basics. This workshop in two sessions will focus on arranging guidelines, conditioning flowers, arranging tools, and mechanics. Audrey will discuss design, form, color, balance, and proportion with the aim of developing more confidence and training the eye regarding elements of flower arranging.

Each session participants will create a mass arrangement to take home. Fee of \$79 for members and \$89 for guests includes materials and flowers for both sessions.

Program limited to 12.

LECTURE: GARDENS OF MAINE

Wednesday, January 10, 5:45-7:15 pm

Coastal Maine holds a special lure for PHS members because of extraordinary gardens that flourish in the near-perfect weather akin to British summers. A wide range of interesting flora abounds in this region of mists, sunshine, and moderate temperatures.

Avid Maine gardener **Peggy Bowditch** has photographed favorite plants and gardens, some of which will be included in the PHS trip to Maine in August 1990. Included are spectacular scenery, wildflowers, country gardens, and elegant estates with lush perennial borders.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

NOTE: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: RANDOM RAMBLINGS OF A GARDENER

Thursday, January 18, 5:45-7:15 pm

This lecture is a totally personal illustrated essay on plants and gardens through the eyes of **Marco Polo Stufano**, Director of Horticulture at Wave Hill, N.Y. and the person responsible for the garden's development and ongoing creative planting and care. Marco will show a selection of plants of distinction and gardens of note photographed at home and while traveling over the past 20 years.

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PROPAGATION WORKSHOP:

ORNAMENTAL EVERGREENS

Saturday, January 20, 9:30-noon

Learn about varieties, culture, uses, and how to propagate smaller evergreens including dwarf conifers from

Alan P. Slack, experienced propagator and PHS Council member.

Discussion topics will include many uses of evergreens — in the garden to patio containers. Participants will propagate some rarer forms of evergreens.

All materials will be provided.

Fee: \$24 members; \$29 guests

WORKSHOP: ORCHIDS FOR THE HOME

Monday, January 22, 6:30-8:30 pm

Orchid hobbyist **John Leonard** insists that growing orchids in the home is a fairly easy, straight-forward process involving neither mystery nor magic. He will discuss orchids suitable for home culture and potting techniques in this practical workshop designed for beginning orchid growers.

Discussion topics will include plant selection, potting mixes, pot selection, staking, watering, fertilizing, and tips on initiating new growth. Each participant will repot and take home an orchid which is six to twelve months from blooming.

John Leonard, longtime member of PHS and the American Orchid Society, exhibits prize-winning orchids at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee of \$25 for members and \$35 for guests includes all workshop materials. Limit: 25 participants.

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Ms. Glattstein is a lecturer, author, and landscape consultant from Wilton, Connecticut.

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$20 members; \$24 guests

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Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

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Help us greet our special guests and fellow members by offering them refreshments in the Members' Tent during the Flower Show.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on our "hospitality crew" please call Janet Evans (215) 625-8261.



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Peppercot

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As Show chair, Jane is responsible for leading the Flower Show Executive Committee, with **Morris Cheston, Jr.** as her vice-chair. Jane is no stranger to the Show, having first exhibited in a small niche in the early 70s. The next year she organized the Providence Garden Club's room entry and then we made her vice-chair and eventually chair of rooms and tables. For the 1984 and 1985 Shows Jane was our chair of competitive classes, and now that she's finished her exhilarating and exhausting two-year stint as president of the Garden Club of America, we're delighted she's back in harness with the Philadelphia Flower Show.

The strengths of Jane's committee lie in its diversity, with representatives from the nursery and floral trades, from the trade exhibits and from the competitive classes. In addition, we greatly appreciate the enthusiastic support of committee members who are bankers and lawyers, as well as from experts in marketing and promotion. 1990 Show committee members are: **Diane Allen, Robert J. Butera, Herb Clarke, Susan Chapin, G. Morris Dorrance, Jr., Bernadette Dougherty, Walter Fisher, Jr., Charles H. Gale, Sr., Sally Graham, Mary Hopkins, Charles F. Kremp, Roberts LeBoutillier, Charles N. Marshall, Francis J. McKay, William McNaughton, J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., Audrey Pfeilsticker, Kathleen Putnam, Robert S. Ryan, Alan P. Slack, Susan**

Stauffer, Mary Jo Strawbridge, John P. Swan, Paul Tickle and Sandra Ward.

When you're throwing a party for 2,500 it's nice to have all the help you can get. We depend on the Preview Dinner Committee to serve as our strictest commentators on everything from menus to floral arrangements, not to mention the complications that arise when seating a dinner of this magnitude. The monies raised through the dinner represent a major portion of the funds the Society invests each year in Philadelphia Green and Center City Green, our horticultural outreach programs. Many thanks to chair Kathleen, her vice-chair **Richard Billings** and Preview Dinner Committee members **Lisa Carr, Morris Cheston, Jr., Ruth Colket, Robert C. Gore, Bobby Grace, Jane Gray, Valerie and Don Innamorato, Sallie Korman, Carolyn Langfitt, Linda Madara, Martha Morris, J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., Frank E. Reed, Barbara Rubenstein, Stewart H. Steffey, Jr., Ann and Henry J. Stewart and Clarence Z. Wurts.**

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AREA STUDENTS DIG IN TO PREPARE FOR FLOWER SHOW

Something is growing at **Delaware Valley College** and it isn't of the horticultural bent. "They're hanging in the garage right now. We don't see much movement but we know they're alive." This comment, from horticulture student, **Mark Ringenary**, holds the secret to Delaware Valley's Flower Show exhibit. Delaware Valley students are forcing flowers and *butterflies* into bloom for this year's display, using native species (of butterflies that is). The brightly colored insects will be contained by a see-through netting so they can fly freely throughout the display.

The Flower Show educational exhibitors offer mind-expanding exhibits and this year the **School District of Philadelphia** plans to expand our sights into the future with their display entitled *Horticulture in the Classroom - Past, Present and Future*. **Dave Kipphut**, exhibit chair and Coordinator of Lincoln's Horticulture Program, says a total of more than 200 students from **W.B. Saul** and **Abraham Lincoln High Schools** will collaborate to create classroom scenes that show the scope of horticultural programs from days gone by as well as new advances in horticultural classroom technology using growth chambers, computers for landscape design and hydroponics.

An exquisite backyard landscape sets the scene for the **Penn State Cooperative Extension's** display, *Through Your Mind's Eye*. In cooperation with the **Associated Services for the Blind**, Penn State will show visitors how to design a garden for the sight-impaired featuring scented and textured plantings in containers.

Endangered landscapes are of ever-increasing importance as demonstrated

in **Temple University's**, the Senses of Endangered Landscapes. Temple plans to address the threatened environments of the rain forest and coastal dunes by illustrating the beauty of these unique areas and realistic approaches to protecting them.

Forty-seven other nurseries, florists, plant societies and organizations will create floral fantasies such as the Prohibition Era speakeasy, a tropical island escape, waterfalls, a wetland and wildflower gardens in 1990's spectacular Philadelphia Flower Show.

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MEMBERS' LOUNGE, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Sunday, March 11-Sunday, March 18

A quiet oasis does exist at the Philadelphia Flower Show. PHS members are invited to the Members' Lounge in the Hospitality Tent to relax with a cup of coffee or tea. The Members' Lounge is open each day Sunday through Sunday from noon-4 pm. To gain entry, please bring your membership card, which was mailed with your Flower Show tickets in late January.

A CALL FOR INFORMATION

The American Horticultural Society is compiling a new, expanded edition of *North American Horticulture, A Reference Guide*. To make this guide as complete as possible, the AHS is asking readers to send them names and addresses of local, state and regional organizations and programs including plant societies, trade associations, professional associations, conservation organizations, libraries, museums, botanical exhibits and plant collections to Tom Barrett, American Horticultural Society, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308, or call 1-800-777-7931.

A PAT ON THE BACK FOR PHS

The Public Relations Society of America presented its 1989 Drumbeater Award to **Jane Pepper**, PHS President, at a special ceremony held last month at the Hershey Hotel.

The Drumbeater is presented each year to the person and/or organization that has done the most to enhance the image of Philadelphia.

Upon accepting the award for her work with PHS and the Philadelphia Flower Show, Jane lauded the efforts of exhibitors, volunteers and all those "cheerleaders" involved in making PHS and the Show worthy of this special recognition.

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If you wish to bring a guest for the Preview, there is a charge of \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Preview tickets are available at PHS or at the Civic Center on March 10.

Life members will receive a weekly pass and one member's ticket. Individual members receive one ticket each; family and contributing members, three tickets; sponsoring members, five tickets; sustaining members, ten tickets.

Those families with more than three members living under one roof who want additional tickets for children under the age of 21 should apply in writing, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jane G. Pepper, President, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106-2777. Please state the names and ages of all family members and the number of additional tickets needed. **No tickets will be mailed unless all of the above conditions are met.**

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Ms. Creasy will discuss the advantages of an edible landscape, the large harvests homeowners can produce, the beauty of edible plants, and ways to integrate a wide range of vegetables and flowers for an attractive, non-traditional, ever-changing landscape.

Creasy is the author of the widely-acclaimed **The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping**. Her latest book, **Cooking from the Garden**, has recently won the Award for Excellence of the Garden Writers Association of America.

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LECTURE: GARDEN MEMORIES

Members \$10____ Guests \$12____

WORKSHOP: HERB BASKET

Members \$34____ Guests \$39____

LECTURE: MADE FOR SHADE

Members \$8____ Guests \$10____

NOT TOO BIG, NOR TOO SMALL

Members \$29____ Guests \$34____

**WORKSHOP: PROPAGATION
FROM SEED**

2 pm____ or 6 pm____

Members \$19____ Guests \$21____

YOUR TURF, MY TURF

Members \$15____ Guests \$17____

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Effective use of available space is the real challenge of a tiny garden; this can be accomplished by careful planning and planting for year-round pleasure.

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Fee: \$29 members; \$33 guests

Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. Program limited to 20.

(Activities continued on pg. 4)

- ☐ Please send an itinerary for the PHS trip to England, June 25-July 10, 1990
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Flower Shows happen in Philadelphia thanks to the generosity of so many. Take any one of the major exhibits and you'll hear stories of owners and employees toiling day and night to make the very best exhibits, the exhibits that attract visitors from across the country. In the competitive section we're indebted to the more than 1,000 individuals who volunteer their time to activities that range from screening plants for aphids or checking the botanical name of each plant on exhibition, to serving coffee and cleaning silver trophies.

An integral part of the Flower Show army is the 200 employees who watch out for us at the Civic Center, the police who do their best with the traffic under very tricky circumstances, and the troops of carpenters, plumbers, painters, security and parking officials without whose extensive cooperation we'd never be able to open the Show.

Other Flower Show enthusiasts open their wallets and once again we're indebted to the **Margaret Dorrance Strawbridge Foundation** for its generosity in helping us provide subsidies to the four clubs in the Garden Class "For My Pleasure." The following clubs will compete in the 1990 exhibition: **Four Counties Garden Club, Garden Workers, The Weeders and Wissahickon Garden Club.**

For the third year in a row, we're pleased to welcome the **Authorized Delaware Valley Mercedes-Benz Dealers** as sponsors of the Florist Invitational class, chaired by **Sally Graham** and **Sandy Manthorpe**. Sixteen local florists have signed up to produce beautiful bouquets at the foot of the escalator.

Last year, **First Pennsylvania Bank** underwrote the floral decorations and table arrangements for the 2,300-person Preview Dinner in Convention Hall and, happily for us, they so enjoyed the experience that they've signed up again for 1990, making a very generous donation to the Society.

Provident National Bank and **Drinker Biddle & Reath** will join us this year for a

new corporate sponsorship, which provides each organization with tickets for some of their clients and customers plus the opportunity to host these individuals one evening of the Show.



Jane G. Pepper
President



Activities (Continued)

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New in the Library

The apple book, Roseanne Sanders, 1988.

Botany for all ages, Jorie Hunken, 1989.

Buffalo Bird Woman's Garden, Gilbert L. Wilson, 1987.

Cultivated pleasures, Elizabeth Saft, 1989.

Floral art, Wolfgang Hageney, 1988.

Follies and pleasure pavilions, George Mott, 1989.

Garden illusions, Alan Toogood, 1989.

How does your garden grove, Pamela Jones, 1989.

Landscaping the American dream: the gardens and film sets of Florence Yoch: 1890-1972, James Yoch, 1988.

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Pepperpot

When it comes to designing its Flower Show exhibit, the Philadelphia Green team, composed of community volunteers and staff members, always has enough ideas to fill the Show hall. Working with an island area of just over 1,000 sq. ft., **Rena Ennis and Anne Vallery**, exhibit chairs have opted for four gardens this year, woven together with a Ribbon of Gold, a planting of yellow-blooming perennials and annuals.

Community Treasures — *Garden Pleasures* is their theme and in the design you'll find treasures from the community — tires, a sink, old watering cans, even a bathtub — all filled with colorful annuals. One garden is for kids, another a corner for sitting, the third will feature herbs and the fourth rock sculptures, a mini-version of the community garden with rock features in Francisville, North Philadelphia. In one of the gardens there'll be a mural designed and painted by the **Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti Network**, an organization renowned for its murals around town and especially in Philadelphia Green gardens.

Two corporations have joined in partially sponsoring this exhibit, **Meridian Bank** and **Golden Blossom Honey**. In announcing this donation, **Diana M. Kolodzinski**, Community Relations Representative for the Delaware Valley Division, Meridian Bank, says her corporation's commitment to the community is strong, as is that of the Society with its community and beautification programs, so the sponsorship seems especially appropriate to them. Since there will be a garden complete with a beehive in the exhibit, appropriate too is the involvement of **Golden Blossom Honey**, a Doylestown corporation. As **Jill Paton**, president, Golden Blossom Honey says, "Our enthusiasm for the Show led us to sponsor this exhibit and also to participate in the Show's Market Place."

Be sure to stop at their booth (#108) and ask for a booklet of recipes incorporating honey. Grateful thanks to these two corporations for their generous sponsorships.

Jane

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MEMBERS' PREVIEW, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, March 10, 12:30-3:30 pm

Members may use their tickets for the Members' Preview on Saturday, March 10, 12:30-3:30 pm, or any other day, March 11-18.

If you wish to bring a guest for the Preview, there is a charge of \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. Preview tickets are available at PHS or at the Civic Center on March 10.

KOALA BEAR OWNERS TO GATHER AT THE FLOWER SHOW

What other reason could there be for visitors to purchase more than 100,000 bunches of eucalyptus at EACH Flower Show?

By far the most popular purchase at the Show, the eucalyptus branch is more than just food for those wonderful furry little marsupials—it's great for the sinuses, holds up well in the neglected corner vase, and does wonders for the musty air of rooms sealed up for winter.

The Flower Show is a fantasyland of all things that smell good and in the Market Place, you can shop at more than 100 booths bulging with colorful spring blooms, handwoven baskets and packets of beans, bulbs and books, bird houses and bonsai. Combine these with planters, pots, patio furniture and pressed flower jewelry and visitors to this year's Show are sure to come away with an abundance of horticultural treasures — and, perhaps, a little something for the bear.

ON THE STREET OF DREAMS

Hate to shop? Love to shop? Either way you'll love Class 152 "On The Street of Dreams." The Shop Front class, replacing the front porches of the past two years, will be a window shopper's dream — as well as a shopkeeper's dream with shop fronts that invite customers to indulge and pamper themselves.

Six garden clubs have spent months dreaming up these shop fronts which will become reality on March 11th-18th. See what a small garden or decorative plants can do for a 9' by 12' shop front and entry area.

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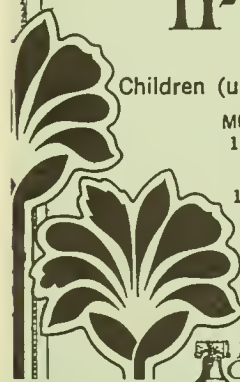
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STANKARD EXHIBIT: April 6-May 31

PHS members and guests are invited to an evening with Paul Joseph Stankard, world-renowned glass botanical artist. Program includes illustrated talk and poetry readings by the artist at 6 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Stankard has exhibited widely; his glass botanicals appear in many museums, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, and the Victoria and Albert Museum, London.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. Kindly use the reservation form, page three.



LECTURE: A MOVEABLE FEAST Thursday, March 22, 5:45-7:15 pm

Rosalind Creasy, professional photographer, author, and landscape designer, specializes in residential landscapes combining edible and native plants. Her revolutionary ideas of combining herbs, vegetables, and flowers in the same border provide an effective marriage of the utilitarian and the ornamental for a whole new look for front-yard gardens.

This is not the usual lecture on vegetable gardening but an illustrated talk bridging the two worlds of cooking and growing.

Creasy is the author of the widely-acclaimed *The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping*. Her latest book *Cooking from the Garden*, has recently won the Award for Excellence of the Garden Writers Association of America.

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WORKSHOP: GARDEN BASKET Monday, April 9, 10 am-2 pm

Experienced basket weaver Linda Tenaglia will teach techniques for making a garden basket with a solid bottom modeled after a Shaker market basket. This basket, woven of natural splint reed with a notched oak handle, is roughly 8" x 11" x 4" — practical for carrying gardening tools, needlework, etc.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$30 members; \$33 guests

WORKSHOP: NEW APPROACH TO FLOWER ARRANGING (Intermediate) Wednesday, April 11, 10 am-noon or 6-8 pm

Now that you're comfortable with a traditional mass arrangement, you're ready to try a new approach to this style by emphasizing balance and color.

Within the confines and rules of traditional arranging, **Audrey Nichols** will show you how to create more excitement by grouping colors within a mass arrangement for greater clarity and impact.

Audrey Nichols, experienced arranger and frequent exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show, has a background in the decorative arts.

This class is not suitable for beginners.

Participants should bring clippers and a box to transport finished arrangement. Participants in the evening session may bring a brown-bag supper. Coffee and tea will be provided for both sessions. Fee of \$39 for members and \$43 for guests includes container, flowers, and all other materials.

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Members \$12____

GARDEN VISITS: SOCIETY HILL

Members \$2____ Guests \$5____

LECTURE: GARDEN ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

Thursday, April 12, 5:45-7:15 pm

English plant explorer and botanist **Chris Chadwell** will talk about Kashmir in the Himalayas, a "paradise on earth" because of its horticultural treasures and natural beauty. Kashmir provides conditions not unlike those of many English gardens.

Chadwell, who has traveled widely in the Himalayas to collect seed, designs his expeditions to introduce ordinary gardeners to plants little known in cultivation. He has led several expeditions and tours and runs a small seed firm specializing in hardy Himalayan and Oriental species.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: RARE PLANT NURSERY, DOYLESTOWN

Tuesday, April 17, 10 am-noon

Marty Brooks will conduct a two-hour tour of his 20-acre Rare Plant Nursery behind his home in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Marty has the best selection of dwarf conifers in the Delaware Valley, with a particular fondness for weeping varieties. His arboretum contains at least 85 cultivars of *Chamaecyparis obtusa*, for a start, plus thousands more dwarf and unusual plants. For more information about his nursery, see *Green Scene*, January-February 1990.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$8 members

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If you are a member of RHS wondering what to do with the tickets they send you each year to the Chelsea Flower Show, please consider sending them on to PHS. Each year, several of our members call to ask if the Society has tickets for Chelsea. We do — but just a couple and they're snapped up early. If we get extra tickets, we place them on file in the Library and they are always called upon by other members. If you have tickets to offer, please send them to Janet Evans, Librarian at PHS.

Activities (Continued)

AT-HOME SERIES: SPRING GARDENING PRACTICES

In Honey Brook, PA

Wednesday, April 18, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Friday, April 20, 10 am-noon

Twenty-five PHS members are invited to visit Yvonne England Giunta's garden for a hands-on program on spring gardening practices, procedures to help insure attractiveness, efficiency, and abundant bloom for the rest of the growing season. Yvonne will discuss fertilizing, several methods of staking, edging, revitalizing the plant border, division of hardy perennials, and routine garden maintenance.

Participants will need clippers and appropriate shoes and clothing. Travel directions will be sent in early April.

Fee: \$12 members

DOWN-TO-EARTH GARDEN DESIGN

Thursdays, April 19, 10 am-noon

April 26, 10 am-2 pm

May 3, 10 am-1 pm

Flower Show designer and horticulturist Ed Lindemann has planned this three-session course for those who garden on a smaller scale. This course will include a practical approach to developing the small property. Use of space and areas for various activities as well as incorporating structures and accessories will be included. The second session will include a field trip to several small gardens for on-site analysis of their design approaches. The last session will include a short studio project.

Limited to 12 members who garden on less than half an acre.

Fee: \$50 members only.

FIELD TRIP 62ND ANNUAL GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR, Washington, DC

Saturday, April 21, 7:15 am-7:45 pm

One of our favorite spring tours is the annual Georgetown Garden Tour to benefit Children's House. This self-guided tour permits you to visit the gardens in any order at your own pace.

Fourteen gardens will be open for the tour, including the world-renowned Dumbarton Oaks, Mrs. Peter Belin's "Evermay," and the late Averell Harriman's garden.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, tour ticket, return-trip refreshments, and tea at Children's House after the tour. Lunch not included.

Details of bus pick-up at Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed to participants.

Fee: \$39 members; \$43 guests.

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENS OF MORRIS BERD, MEDIA

Tuesday, April 24, 10 am-noon

Dietta and Morris Berd have created enchanting gardens on their hilly farm near Media, effectively using many different types of sites for gardens. By terracing and constructing dry stone walls, Morris has created gardens for ferns, wild-flowers, primulas, and alpines, plus outstanding collections of dwarf conifers and other rare trees and shrubs. The rock garden and native plants, many of which have been grown from seed, are choice species from around the world.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Registration limited to 20.

Fee: \$12 members

GARDEN VISITS

Spring garden visits are among the most popular PHS activities because members can visit interesting and unusual gardens of fellow members. Gardens will be open to members on Thursday, April 26, in Society Hill, 4:30-7 pm; Sunday, May 13, 1-5 pm in Chestnut Hill; and Sunday, June 10, 1-5 pm, on the Main Line.

After we receive your reservations by mail, we will send tags, maps, garden descriptions, and travel instructions.

Look for details and reservation forms for May and June garden visits in future issues of the PHS News.

GARDEN VISITS: SOCIETY HILL Thursday, April 26, 4:30-7 pm

Small private gardens in historic Society Hill are noted for espaliered trees, garden ornaments, and pristine evergreens which thrive in these sheltered spaces. Several large gardens, including the PHS garden, will be open. Refreshments will be served at PHS from 6-7 pm.

Other Events

ALLENTOWN FLOWER SHOW

March 9-11, 1990

For information call: (215) 262-6421

EARTH WEEK '90 - Urban Neighborhoods and the Environment

March 24, 1990

Temple University - Registration, 8:30 am
For more information call:
(215) 238-1434

DELAWARE VALLEY ORCHID COUNCIL SPEAKER'S FORUM

April 1, 1990

To register write: Betty L. Schmidt,
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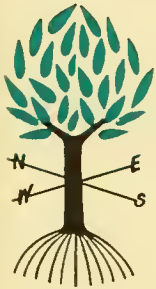
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MAKING FOR A CLEANER, GREENER ENVIRONMENT

With the approaching national observation of Earth Week and the Society's activities in Fairmount Park on Arbor Day, PHS is approaching the '90's with a full agenda of environmental awareness campaigns not the least of which begins here at home. As of April 1, PHS's headquarters on Walnut Street, will be a smoke-free building. If you're planning to attend a special meeting or membership activity, feel free to bring your pruners but leave your cigarettes at the door.

This issue of the *PHS News* may look and feel the same as past issues because it might very well be the same, paper that is. Starting with the April issue, the *News* is printed on recycled paper. We've been waiting for just the right stock to come available and now that it has, we're happy to add the *News* to our growing number of PHS publications printed on recycled stock.

Perpetuating green life in the City is foremost on PHS's mission list and this year's Arbor Day lends itself to this goal with a full day of horticultural activities planned by PHS at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park. Come join us April 28, 10 am-3 pm, for a special tree planting ceremony, sapling giveaways, children's activities and other tree awareness and how-to-do-it workshops. You'll come away with a renewed interest in the environment, and you will learn how you can play a vital role in the nation's tree planting campaign.

Other Events

LECTURE/DEMONSTRATION
Northern New Jersey Unit of Herb
Society of America
April 25
Freylingheusen Arboretum
For information call: (215) 348-4058

ANNUAL HERB AND PLANT SALE
Haddonfield Garden Club
April 26
Haddonfield Historical Society
For information call: (609) 428-2652

RARE PLANT AUCTION
Wilmington Garden Center
April 27
Longwood Gardens
For information call: (302) 658-1913

PLANT SALE
Hill-Physick-Keith House
April 27-29
321 South 4th Street
For information call: (215) 925-7866

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR
WILMINGTON GARDEN DAY
May 5
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
For information call: (302) 764-7426

ANNUAL PLANT SALE
Providence Garden Club
May 5
Tyler Arboretum
For information call: (215) 565-3828

ANNUAL HERB SALE AND LUNCHEON
Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ
May 19
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Travel directions will be mailed in late March. Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

WORKSHOP: GARDEN BASKET

Monday, April 9, 10 am-2 pm

Experienced basket weaver **Linda Tenaglia** will teach techniques for making a garden basket with a solid bottom modeled after a Shaker market basket. This basket, woven of natural splint reed with a notched oak handle, is roughly 8" x 11" x 4" — practical for carrying gardening tools and needlework.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$30 members; \$33 guests

WORKSHOP: NEW APPROACH TO FLOWER ARRANGING (Intermediate)

Wednesday, April 11, 10 am-noon or 6-8 pm

Now that you're comfortable with a traditional mass arrangement, you're ready to try a new approach to this style by emphasizing balance and color.

Within the confines and rules of traditional arranging, **Audrey Nichols** will show you how to create more excitement by grouping colors within a mass arrangement for greater clarity and impact.

Audrey Nichols, experienced arranger and frequent exhibitor at the Philadelphia

Flower Show, has a background in the decorative arts.

This class is not suitable for beginners. Participants should bring clippers and a box to transport finished arrangement. Participants in the evening session may bring a brown-bag supper. Coffee and tea will be provided for both sessions. Fee of \$39 for members and \$43 for guests includes container, flowers, and all other materials.

LECTURE: GARDEN ON THE ROOF OF THE WORLD

Thursday, April 12, 5:45-7:15 pm

English plant explorer and botanist **Chris Chadwell** will talk about Kashmir in the Himalayas, a "paradise on earth" because of its horticultural treasures and natural beauty.

Chadwell, who has traveled widely in the Himalayas to collect seed, designs his expeditions to introduce ordinary gardeners to plants little known in cultivation. He has led several expeditions and tours and runs a small seed farm specializing in hardy Himalayan and Oriental species.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: RARE PLANT NURSERY, DOYLESTOWN

Tuesday, April 17, 10 am-noon

Marty Brooks will conduct a two-hour tour of his 20-acre Rare Plant Nursery behind his home in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Marty has the best selection of dwarf conifers in the Delaware Valley, with a particular fondness for weeping varieties. His arboretum contains at least 85 cultivars of *Chamaecyparis obtusa*, for a start, plus thousands more dwarf and unusual plants. For more information about his nursery, see *Green Scene*, January-February 1990.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$8 members

AT-HOME SERIES: SPRING GARDENING PRACTICES

In Honey Brook, PA

Wednesday, April 18, 10 am-noon

Raindate: Friday, April 20, 10 am-noon

Twenty-five PHS members are invited to visit **Yvonne England Giunta's** garden

for a hands-on program on spring gardening practices, procedures to help insure attractiveness, efficiency, and abundant bloom for the rest of the growing season. Yvonne will discuss fertilizing, several methods of staking, edging, revitalizing the plant border, division of hardy perennials, and routine garden maintenance.

Participants will need clippers and appropriate shoes and clothing. Travel directions will be sent in early April.

Fee: \$12 members

DOWN-TO-EARTH GARDEN DESIGN

Thursdays, April 19, 10 am-noon

April 26, 10 am-2 pm

May 3, 10 am-1 pm

Flower Show designer and horticulturist **Ed Lindemann** has planned this three-session course for those who garden on a smaller scale. This course will include a practical approach to developing the small property. Use of space and areas for various activities as well as incorporating structures and accessories will be included. The second session will include a field trip to several small gardens for on-site analysis of their design approaches. The last session will include a short studio project.

Limited to 12 members who garden on less than half an acre.

Fee: \$50 members

FIELD TRIP 62ND ANNUAL GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR, Washington, DC

Saturday, April 21, 7:15 am-7:45 pm

One of our favorite spring tours is the annual Georgetown Garden Tour to benefit Children's House. This self-guided tour permits you to visit the gardens in any order at your own pace.

Fourteen gardens will be open for the tour, including the world-renowned Dumbarton Oaks, Mrs. Peter Belin's "Evermay," and the late Averell Harriman's garden.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, tour ticket, return-trip refreshments, and tea at Children's House after the tour. Lunch not included.

Details of bus pick-up at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and Center City will be mailed to participants.

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Members \$2____ Guests \$5____

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9:30 am____ or 1 pm____

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Pickup: CC____ Hort. Center____
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NATURAL GARDENING IN THE SHADE

Members \$14____

ARRANGING WORKSHOP: MAY BASKET

Members \$35____ Guests \$40____

FIELD TRIP: MT. CUBA CENTER

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PERENNIALS FOR SPRING

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LONGVIEW FARM

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WORKSHOP: PROPAGATING TREES AND SHRUBS

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AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENS OF MORRIS BERD, MEDIA Tuesday, April 24, 10 am-noon

DeEtta and Morris Berd have created enchanting gardens on their hilly farm near Media, effectively using many different types of sites for gardens. By terracing and constructing dry stone walls, Morris has created gardens for ferns, wildflowers, primulas, and alpine, plus outstanding collections of dwarf conifers and other rare trees and shrubs. The rock garden and native plants, many of which have been grown from seed, are choice species from around the world.

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BARNES ARBORETUM

Friday, May 4, 10 am-1 pm

PHS trips to the Barnes Arboretum are always among the most popular each year. Barnes Arboretum, situated on 12 acres in Merion, PA, has a notable collection of the best woody ornamentals for this zone.

Elizabeth Farley, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum, where the seasonal attractions include spring flowers, trees and shrubs.

Participants should bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

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Fee: \$49 members; \$54 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: NATURAL GARDENING IN THE SHADE **West Chester**

Wednesday, May 9

Toni and Ted Brinton reclaimed a portion of deciduous woods for their house and garden, situated on a plateau in a south-facing ravine. Tucked in out of reach of the wind and surrounded by woods of oak, hickory, and beech, the Brinton gardens encourage but are not limited to native plants. Visitors will see choice ericaceous plants plus spring bulbs, hostas, and lots of ground covers.

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MT. CUBA CENTER

Friday, May 18, 1-3 pm

Thirty PHS members and guests will tour Mt. Cuba Center, in Greenville, Delaware, on the private estate and home of Mrs. Lamont duPont Copeland. Knowledgeable guides will lead us through the wildflower garden areas and naturalistic plantings as pictured in *The American Women's Garden*. Over 100 kinds of wildflowers bloom in the spring along with native rhododendrons, mountain laurel, and fothergillas.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early May.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

FIELD TRIP: LONGVIEW FARM

Wednesday, May 23, 10 am-noon

Twenty-five members and guests will visit Longview Farm, **Joanna Reed's** home and garden in Chester County. Joanna will lead us through her woodlands and celebrated country gardens, bursting with perennials and herbs.

Fee of \$15 for members and \$18 for guests includes entrance fees to house and gardens. Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early May.

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A Garden Party and Dedication

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rain or shine

at the

Azalea Garden

Kelly Drive at Fairmount Avenue

cocktails and hors d'oeuvres mummerys hats and garden party attire R S V P



In 1952 the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society donated the Azalea Garden to the City of Philadelphia. The Society undertook a major restoration project in 1988 and initiated a Friends group to assist with the maintenance and plantings for this four acre site. Funds generated through this Garden Party will support these efforts.



Contributions to the Azalea Garden Maintenance Fund are always welcome.

Azalea Garden Party Reservations

Name _____

No. of reservations _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Patrons \$75 per person

Benefactors \$125 per person

Telephone _____

Confirmations will be mailed.

Please return this Reservation Form and your check made payable to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to: Azalea Garden, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-2777

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GARDEN VISITS

Spring garden visits are among the most popular PHS activities because members can visit interesting and unusual gardens of fellow members. Gardens will be open to members on Thursday, **April 26**, in Society Hill, 4:30-7 pm; Sunday, **May 13**, 1-5 pm in Chestnut Hill; and Sunday, **June 10**, 1-5 pm, on the Main Line.

After we receive your reservations by mail, we will send tags, maps, garden descriptions, and travel instructions.

Look for details and reservation forms for June garden visits in future issues of the *PHS News*.

GARDEN VISITS: SOCIETY HILL Thursday, April 26, 4:30-7 pm

Small private gardens in historic Society Hill are noted for espaliered trees, garden ornaments, and pristine evergreens which thrive in these sheltered spaces. Several large gardens, including the PHS garden, will be open. Refreshments will be served at PHS from 6-7 pm.

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTNUT HILL AREA

Sunday, May 13, 1-5 pm

This tour on Mother's Day will include eight properties from Chestnut Hill to adjacent Northwoods and West Mount Airy featuring several woodland gardens, a cottage-style garden, and a walled garden. We'll see well-tended small gardens of recent origin and larger ones with long-established plantings.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN CONSULTANT LIST AVAILABLE

A revised landscape design consultant list is now available in the PHS Library. To receive a copy, please call Janet Evans at (215) 625-8261.

New in the Library

- ☐ *Bulbs* (2 vol. set), John E. Bryan, 1989.
- ☐ *Campanulas*, Peter Lewis, 1989.
- ☐ *Creative propagation*, Peter Thompson, 1989.
- ☐ *From folly to follies*, Michel Saudan, 1988.
- ☐ *Gardens of America*, Diane Kostial McGuire, 1989.
- ☐ *Gardens of Portugal*, Patrick Bowe, 1989.
- ☐ *The gardens of Venice*, Mary Jane Pool, 1989.
- ☐ *The landscape of civilisation*, Geoffrey Jellicoe, 1989.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When *returning* book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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A FLASH OF FRANKLIN COMES TO PHILADELPHIA

PHS joins with the City of Philadelphia in a yearlong celebration of the achievements of Benjamin Franklin at this year's Junior Flower Show. "A Flash of Franklin" will focus on the rare genius and horticultural contributions of Franklin in special categories that include: Kites & Keys - a handmade kite that includes natural materials; Franklin's Printing Press - a block print design using cut vegetables that depicts some aspect of Franklin's life; Colonial Critters made from dried plant material and a Table Arrangement for the Delegates to the Continental Congress.

Children from throughout the Delaware Valley are invited to enter the Show by calling PHS for an exhibitor's schedule at (215) 625-8280. **Entries will be accepted on May 15 from 11 am-5 pm.**

The Junior Flower Show will be held Thursday, May 17, 9 am-5 pm; Friday, May 18, 9 am-5 pm and Saturday, May 19, 10 am-2 pm at the First Bank of the United States, Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia. No admission charge.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED — JUDGES FOR THE CITY GARDENS CONTEST

We're looking for a few good gardeners to judge in the 1990 City Gardens Contest. No experience necessary. We're happy to provide training. Duties include visiting six to eight gardens on a day convenient for you. Immediate openings for candidates available between June 29th through July 20th. Love of horticulture, garden lore and travel—a plus. Benefits include great scents, wonderful sights, and a wheelbarrow full of inspiration. To sign up, please call Flossie Narducci at (215) 625-8280.

Other Events

ANNUAL PLANT SALE Providence Garden Club May 5

Tyler Arboretum
For information call: (215) 565-3828

ANNUAL HERB SALE Philadelphia Unit, Herb Society of America Thursday, May 10, 10 am-2 pm Signs posted from Kimberton to Sale.

ANNUAL GARDEN BAZAAR Pennsylvania Hospital May 10, 10 am-3 pm For information call: (215) 732-8684

ANNUAL HERB SALE AND LUNCHEON Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ May 19 For information call: (215) 997-1549

ANNUAL HERB SALE TAMANEND PARK HERB GARDENING CLUB May 19-20 Farmhouse Second Street Pike, Southampton For information call: (215) 576-1436 or (215) 335-3533

SPRING FETE 1990 THE FRIENDS OF LOUIS I. KAHN PARK AND ESTER I. KAHN May 20 Pennsylvania Hospital, Garden Entrance 8th & Pine Streets Admission at the door, 5-8 pm

SECRET GARDENS OF UNIVERSITY CITY Spruce Hill Garden Club and Friends of Clark Park June 3 Clark Park, 43rd and Chestnut Streets or Spruce Hill Garden, 44th and Locust For information call: (215) 222-4367

BAYARD TAYLOR LIBRARY, KENNET SQ., PA LIBRARY BENEFIT GARDEN TOUR June 16

Tour four outstanding estate gardens in the Kennet Square area
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WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 1990 STYER AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT AWARD

Chair of the Styer Award Committee, **Judy Zuk**, is pleased to announce the newest winners of PHS's Styer Award of Garden Merit. The six award winners for 1990 are little known or underused woody ornamentals that exhibit exceptional garden merit.

Detailed information on these plants can be found in your January/February 1990 issue of the *Green Scene*. Sources for both retail and wholesale are available upon request. To receive a source list, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

The 1990 Award Winners are: *Betula nigra* 'Heritage', *Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold', *Daphne caucasica*, *Fothergilla gardenii* 'Blue Mist', *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Blue Billow', *Stewartia pseudocamellia* var. *koreana*.

In addition, new entries are reviewed each year and several are chosen for Preliminary Commendation. Those chosen are evaluated and considered for an award in the future. The following plants were chosen for preliminary commendation in 1990: *Lonicera sempervirens* 'Cedar Lane', *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Edith Bogue', *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Yoshino', *Hibiscus syriacus* L. 'Diana', *Abies nordmanniana*, *Viburnum dilatatum* 'Erie', *Viburnum burkwoodii* 'Mohawk', *Viburnum* 'Shasta'

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(Intermediate Level)

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At Longview Farm, Malvern

Raindate: Monday, June 11, 2:30-5 pm

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Walt, who maintains that successful photographs are first created in the mind

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A Garden Party and Dedication

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rain or shine

at the

Azalea Garden

Kelly Drive at Fairmount Avenue

cocktails and hors d'oeuvres mimmers hats and garden party attire R S V P



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Contributions to the Azalea Garden Maintenance Fund are always welcome.



Azalea Garden Party Reservations

Name _____

No. of reservations _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Telephone _____

Patrons \$75 per person
Benefactors \$125 per person

Confirmations will be mailed.

*I / We cannot attend but wish to make the following
contribution to assist with spring plantings for the
Azalea Garden \$ _____*

*Please return this Reservation Form and your check made payable to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
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New in the Library

- ☐ *Auriculas, their care and cultivation*, Brenda Hyatt, 1989.
- ☐ *The Classic garden*, Graham Rose, 1989.
- ☐ *The Complete book of the water garden*, Philip Swindells and David Mason, 1990.
- ☐ *Daylily encyclopedia*, Steve Webber, ed., 1988.
- ☐ *Dried fresh flowers*, Elizabeth Bullivant, 1989.
- ☐ *The garden planner*, Robin Williams, 1990.
- ☐ *Growing fragrant plants*, Rayford Clayton Reddell, 1989.
- ☐ *Hemerocallis, the daylily*, R. W. Munson, 1989.
- ☐ *In search of lost roses*, Thomas Christopher, 1989.
- ☐ *The National trust book of wild flower gardening*, John Stevens, 1988.
- ☐ *Pictorial library of landscape plants, zones 6-10*, Ruth Fortune Woods, 1986. (on reference)
- ☐ *A plantsman's guide to rhododendrons*, Kenneth Cox, 1989.
- ☐ *The practical Garden of Eden*, Fred Hagey, 1990.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When returning book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided.

Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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Activities (Continued)

PERENNIALS FOR SUMMER

At Chanticleer in Wayne

Saturday, June 23, 10 am-noon

Summer perennials should not be restricted to just a few flowers when so many interesting foliage and flowering plants are available to enhance your summer garden. Senior Horticulturist **Christopher Woods** will give lots of ideas for the summer garden as he leads a group through the Chanticleer estate to point out the wide range of perennials, pleasing color combinations, special cultural tips and requirements, and effective ways to combine them with other elements in the garden.

Program limited to 20. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

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GARDEN VISITS: CHESTNUT HILL AREA

Sunday, May 13, 1-5 pm

This tour on Mother's Day will include eight properties from Chestnut Hill to adjacent Northwoods and West Mount Airy featuring several woodland gardens, a cottage-style garden, and a walled garden. We'll see well-tended small gardens of recent origin and larger ones with long-established plantings.

Fee: \$2 members; \$5 guests

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VOLUNTEER AT THE 1990 HARVEST SHOW

Old friends and new are invited to join the team that puts the Harvest Show on the road. You'll have bushels of fun working with the people at the heart of the show — our volunteers and exhibitors. We're looking for helping hands in the following areas:

SET UP - Wednesday, September 19 and Thursday, September 20 from 9 am - 12 pm and 1-4 pm. Staff and committee members cut and paste, hammer and glue, burlap and paint to stage the Harvest Show.

ENTRY AIDES - Thursday, September 20 from 5-8 pm and Friday, September 21 from 7:40-10 am. Assist exhibitors with their entries, help prepare classes before judging and help us get ready for the Members' Preview.

CLERKS - Friday, September 21 from 10:30 am-3 pm. Record judges decisions and place awards on entries.

INFORMATION AIDES - Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 from 10 am - 12:30 pm, 12:30-3 pm, and 3-5 pm. Provide information to visitors about exhibits, demonstrations, activities; the safety of exhibits.

Special Helpers for Youth Section

We're looking for a few good grownups to lend a hand this year in the Harvest Show's Youth Section. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, September 19 to set up tables, burlap and arrange the staging. On Thursday, September 20 your help is needed as we open at a special new entry time during the afternoon, from 2-8 pm. Help is needed with everything from making sure the new, simplified entry tags are filled out properly to staging the exhibits these ambitious young growers and arrangers bring to show. Or, if you have some weekend time you'd like

to share, come give us a hand with Children's Activities where our young visitors create seed masks, scarecrows, painted pumpkins and all manner of games and fun. Volunteers are needed on Friday, September 21 from 4-6 pm (Members' Preview), Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 from 10 am - 4 pm

If you'd like to join us as a 1990 Harvest Show volunteer, check the appropriate space on the reservation form and a committee person will contact you.

AN ELM WITH A FUTURE

Bartlett Tree Expert Company, the group that has provided PHS with extensive support in the Azalea Garden restoration project by pruning, cabling and fertilizing several trees recently announced that they've decided to become official guardians of the Garden's mighty American Elm. Bartlett has "adopted" the Elm and has taken responsibility for its care.

Many thanks go to Bartlett for this very special commitment.



FERN EXHIBITORS ALERT

In Hanging Container classes for specimen ferns, the container size has been changed to 8" or under (Classes 237, 337, 437) and to over 8" (Classes 238, 338, 438.)

Editors' Note

The entry, *Viburnum plicatum* f. *tomentosum* 'Shasta', was omitted from copy under Styer Award of Garden Merit in May issue of PHS News.

SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE ON 26TH STREET

Armed with shovels, trowels, trees and seeds, local politicians and corporate leaders teamed up in April with the Society at a groundbreaking ceremony to kick-off the first phase of the 26th Street Gateway Improvement Project.

The 26th Street Project is part of PHS's Center City Green Program and calls for the revitalization of the corner area of Penrose Avenue at the base of the Platt Memorial Bridge and the one-mile stretch of land that is known as the 26th Street corridor leading to the Schuylkill Expressway over the next three years.

Working with PennDOT and the City's Department of Streets, PHS will landscape the highly visible Penrose Avenue corner this spring with funds generated by the Philadelphia Flower Show. Additional support for this initial planting has been enthusiastic with PennDOT providing the site clearing and grading as part of an overall effort to upgrade the roadway. It is PHS's hope that the corner planting will provide the impetus for area business leaders to join in with financial commitment for the remainder of the project. Organizations who have already pledged their support include, CONRAIL, The Philadelphia Water Department, Steen Outdoor Advertising and Sun Company.

Greening up the Gateway will require complete soil rejuvenation and plants that are pollution and drought tolerant. The landscape design by **Andropogon Associates, Inc.** also utilizes the existing meadows and urban woodlands that exist throughout the area.

So, if you're travelling by this spring on your way into the City from the south, look for the **Heyser Landscaping** crews, the project's contractors, who will be sowing the seeds of change in the new "Penrose Meadows". It's an exciting time for Philadelphia and for all those who care about the City's central landscapes.

Activities

June 1990

LECTURES, MEETINGS

(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, June 18, 7 pm

Merritt Hutchinson: *Orchids in Europe*



Membership Notes

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all new PHS members and to thank our faithful continuing members for their ongoing interest, support, and help.

We encourage all of you to visit us at the Society's headquarters in Society Hill, to enjoy all the privileges of the PHS Library, and to participate in the Society's many activities throughout the year.

For new and longtime members who will visit us for the first time, we're including a clip and save list of parking lots in the vicinity.

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In addition, we recommend three parking lots near PHS:

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FIELD SEMINAR: HORTICULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

(Intermediate Level)

Wednesday, June 6, 2:30-5 pm

At Longview Farm, Malvern

Raindate: Monday, June 11, 2:30-5 pm

Professional photographer **Walter Chandoha**, widely known for his remark-

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Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

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Pepperpot

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First-time visitors always give us new insights and this year we were delighted to welcome 32 enthusiastic gardeners from England who came on a weekend tour arranged by the *Daily Mail* and Arena Travel, London. Their time in Philadelphia was brief, arriving on Friday and leaving on Monday evening, but in addition to extended visits to the Flower Show they managed to visit Philadelphia's historic sites, as well as Longwood Gardens. P.E. Moyce, aged 80, who came with her daughter, wrote to say how much she enjoyed her visit and that she's "making plans for another trip before long."

Some 220,000 visitors attended Flower Show '90, a great improvement over '89, when two days of snow and sleet brought us below 205,000 for the first time in several years. The balmy temperatures of winter '90 and especially several 80°F. days during Flower Show week were a bonus for homeowners and Show visitors, but these unusual temperatures were hard on exhibitors. Bulbs created the biggest problems. Competitive class exhibitors were simply not able to hold back some of the earliest varieties they had hoped to display, while the less than perfect quality of the daffodils and hyacinths the Society orders each year for general decoration meant they didn't hold up as well as in previous years. I've put in my weather order already for 1991

— temperatures in the 40s and 50s, with overcast skies to discourage potential visitors from heading outdoors to garden, play frisbee or golf.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

PLAN NOW FOR AUTUMN BOOKSALE

Are you weeding your garden library? Don't throw out your books — recycle them by dropping them off at the PHS Library. The Library is sponsoring the annual BOOKSALE to be held September 7th and 8th, concurrent with the Plant Dividend. For more information, please call Janet Evans at 625-8261.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR PHS MAJOR AWARDS

The PHS Awards Committee is now seeking nominations for the 1991 Distinguished Achievement Medal and the Certificate of Merit.

The Distinguished Achievement Medal is awarded to an individual from the Mid-Atlantic states who has made outstanding contributions to the field of horticulture in an area of particular interest to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The Certificate of Merit is awarded to an individual, organization, institution or business corporation for outstanding contributions to horticulture.

Please submit a portfolio with one nominating letter and two letters of endorsement to Martha Barron, chair, Awards Committee, c/o PHS, by September 15.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

J. Franklin Styer Nurseries, celebrating its 100-year anniversary, has graciously invited the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to share in its celebration. **Thursday, June 21**, will be PHS Day with 10% of all sales to be donated to the Society.

On the grounds of the nursery on U.S. Route 1, Concordville, is a small museum containing memorabilia from the earlier stages of their century-old business. The public is invited to visit the museum Monday through Saturday from 8 am - 6 pm and Sundays, 11 am - 6 pm.

New in the Library

Earth right, H. Patricia Hynes, 1990.
The genus Lewisia, Brian Mathew, 1989.

Growing Gladioli, Eric W. Anderton, 1989.

A kid's first book of gardening, Derek Fell, 1989.

Landscaping with container plants, James W. Wilson, 1990.

Maidenhair ferns in cultivation, Christopher J. Goudey, 1985.

The National Arboretum book of outstanding garden plants, Jacqueline Heriteau, 1990.

Ornamental English gardens, Roddy Llewellyn, 1990.

Private gardens of Paris, Madison Cox, 1989.

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HARVEST SHOW HELPERS NEEDED

Sylvia Lin, PHS Members Committee Chair, invites volunteers to help with the Harvest Show Members' Preview on September 21, from 4-7 pm. If you would like to help, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three.

We will be in touch with you in September with more details.

PHS HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

Business Volunteers For The Arts, a program formed by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce presented PHS with its 1990 Business/Arts Award at a luncheon in May attended by more than 700 members of Philadelphia's business and arts groups. The award, presented to Jane Pepper by Beverly Williams, KYW News anchor, was given for outstanding assistance to the betterment of the Greater Philadelphia area and its people through PHS's programs. Williams cited PHS's commitment to greening through Philadelphia Green, Center City Green and the Philadelphia Flower Show as an important contribution to the lives of all Philadelphians.

Azalea Garden Almanack

The PHS News will carry a new column from time to time highlighting activities of the Friends of the Azalea Garden. Members are encouraged to join Friends for Garden activities.



MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

Bring your pruners and don your planting attire for clean-up days in the garden. Interested members and Friends of the Azalea Garden will meet at the Pergola 9 am on August 11 and September 8 for several hours of sprucing up in the Garden. Refreshments will be provided. Free parking is available at the Garden.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Azalea Garden or to join us for a clean up day, please call Kate Swartz at (215) 625-8280 ext. 30.

The Azalea Garden is located on Kelly Drive and Aquarium Drive directly behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

RENOWNED HORTICULTURIST IS MEDAL WINNER

Polly Hill, was recently presented with the Gold Medal of the American Rhododendron Society for her generosity, horticultural excellence and her introduction of the North Tisbury hybrid, the nakaharai azalea. Polly also walked away this spring with Scott Arboretum's prestigious Scott Medal for her horticultural contributions.

Pepperpot

Some years our color scheme for the plantings in the 18th century garden is restrained, with blues, soft pinks and whites. This year it's hot and vibrant, with reds and bright pinks and is a real eye-catcher for Philadelphia's summer tourists. If you thought impatiens was a plant that can't take hot sun, come see how well it's doing on Walnut Street, along with geraniums, blue salvias and edgings of 'Spicy Globe' basil and parsley.

Selecting an edging for a formal bed is tough because there's few plants that will either stay very low or take the amount of pruning required to keep them below 6 to 8". In the PHS garden we're blessed with enough plants of a dwarf boxwood (*Buxus microphylla* 'Kingsville') that serve as an edging for four beds in the parterre. Thanks to its naturally diminutive stature, this boxwood has never been pruned. A second edging of *Euonymus japonica* 'Microphylla' finally bit the dust this year after struggling for years to combat scale. The third edging is Crimson Pygmy Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii* var. *atropurpurea* 'Crimson Pygmy'), a rugged plant and seems to handle hard pruning without suffering any set backs.

Grateful thanks to the volunteer gardeners who take such good care of this wonderful oasis in Philadelphia's historic section: Wilma Crane, Edward A. Doelp, Helen Evelyn, Johanna Goedel, Charles S. Holman, Jr., Helen Kaufman, Kitty Lapp, Matthew H. McConnell, Ann McPhail, Jane M. Newcomer, Harriett Richards, Kinnie Schmidt and Frances Vollmer.

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We are sorry we cannot set aside plants or take telephone orders — it's first come, first served. We also invite you to browse through the Library's Annual Book Sale and enjoy iced tea and a leisurely stroll in our garden when you come for your plants.

The Members Committee is very grateful to PHS members who propagate plants for the Annual Plant Dividend. We appreciate the work, time, and energy spent on this project on behalf of PHS. Many thanks to those who have already agreed to donate plants for 1990:

Morris Berd, Richard Bitner, Richard Both, Michael Bowell, Toni Brinton, Lester Cundiff, Aldys Davis, Alice Doering, Elizabeth Farley, Walter Fisher, Jr., Roxie Gevjan, Robert Gorelick, Janet and John Gyer, George Harding, Anita Kistler, David Lault, Jane Lennon, John Leonard, Richard Lighty, Cheryl and Thomas Monroe, Robert Montgomery, Dot Plyler, Lee Raden, Joanna Reed, Helen Roback, Herbert Schiffer, Charlotte and Alan Slack, Irene Slater, Rosemarie and Julio Vassalluzzo, Robert Way, Mary Lou Wolfe, Sally Yow.

LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Join us at PHS on **Friday, September 7** and **Saturday, September 8** when you'll be able to purchase both new gardening books and your old favorites. The Booksale is held concurrently with the Members' Plant Dividend.

Hours: Friday, September 7, Friends of Library Booksale Preview 10 am-noon. PHS members and public, noon-7 pm. Saturday, September 8, 9:30 am-noon.

The Library gladly accepts gardening books as donations to this sale.

Amnesty Days

During the Booksale, you can return overdue books and pay no fines! Amnesty is restricted to Booksale hours only.



DEMONSTRATION: ARRANGING FROM THE AUTUMN GARDEN

Longview Farm, Malvern

Wednesday, September 12, 10 am-noon

PHS members who have visited **Joanna Reed's** Longview Farm have admired her charming, informal bouquets from her garden and will enjoy her relaxed approach to "fixing" flowers, rather than arranging. Her intent is to bring her garden into her house by attractively arranging flowers and foliage in vases by using what Joanna describes, with a twinkle in her eye, as her "stick and stuff" method.

Joanna will talk about informal arranging and conditioning of flowers and will demonstrate ways to use fall-fruiting shrubs and foliage with flowers as accents. This program represents basic flower arranging at its most enjoyable and promotes a philosophy rather than a discipline.

Travel instructions will be mailed to participants in late August.

Fee: \$13 members; \$15 guests

Limited to one guest per member.

FIELD TRIP: NATIONAL ARBORETUM AND HILLWOOD, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, September 13, 7 am-7 pm

Our first stop will be the National Arboretum in Washington for a 1½ hour introductory tour of the grounds and the collections.

After lunch at Hillwood, we'll have a two-hour tour of the former home of **Marjorie Merriweather Post**, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinet-makers, silver and goldsmiths, plus

Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th-century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, lunch, refreshments on the bus, and all entrance and guide fees. Limited to 25.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early September.

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At Chanticleer, Wayne
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New in the Library

- ☐ *Creating a cottage garden*, Sue Phillips, 1990.
- ☐ *Creating formal gardens*, Roy Strong, 1989.
- ☐ *Coincide: the orton system of pest management*, Donald Orton, 1989.
- ☐ *Foolproof planting*, Anne Halpin, 1990.
- ☐ *A gentle plea for chaos*, Mirabel Osler, 1989.
- ☐ *Hummingbird garden*, Mathew Tekulsky, 1990.
- ☐ *The Japanese iris*, Currier McEwen, 1990.
- ☐ *Living with flowers*, J. Barry Ferguson, 1990.
- ☐ *Outstanding American bonsai*, Randy Clark, 1989.
- ☐ *The passionate gardener*, Miranda Innes, 1990.
- ☐ *Planning and planting the garden*, Robert Smaus, 1989.
- ☐ *The sagebrush ocean*, Barry Lopez, 1989.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When *returning* book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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FLOWER SHOW BULB CLASSES

Sue Armstrong, Chair of 1991 Horticulture Classes announced the following selections for next year's Show:

CLASS

- 00 NOVICE NARCISSUS CLASS; any narcissus variety not listed in Classes —01 - —04.
- 01 NARCISSUS, 'TETE-A-TETE' (miniature) grown and shown in a 4" pot.
- 02 NARCISSUS 'DUTCH MASTER' (trumpet) grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.
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CLASSES FOR NOVICES IN '91 SHOW

NARCISSUS (Classes 200, 300, 400) open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the bulb classes of the Flower Show.

FLOWERING OR FRUITING AND FOLIAGE (Classes 255, 256, 366, 367, 448 and 449) open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the Horticultural Classes of the Flower Show.

ORCHID (Class 450) open to anyone who has never won a blue ribbon in the orchid classes of the Flower Show.

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September 22 and 23, 10 am-5 pm

Whether you've just come in from summer vacation or raking the leaves, take time out to visit this year's Harvest Show.

Held in Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center at Belmont Avenue and Horticultural Drive, the Harvest Show is a colorful, thought-provoking affair that offers gardeners the opportunity to take stock of this year's garden bounty and begin plans for the upcoming growing season.

More than 300 categories of vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants, artistic arrangements and a dozen educational exhibits are on display, so bring your pad and pencil to jot down your favorite varieties. And, don't forget the kids.

The Harvest Show is a children's playground of outdoor activities that will energize your child's mind and body. All activities are held on both days unless noted otherwise.

HARVEST SHOW SPECIAL EVENTS

10 am-5 pm

Plant Clinic - Jack Eden, KYW Newsradio garden commentator, will answer gardening questions. (Saturday only)

11 am-4 pm

Beekeeping - Robert Harvey, educational exhibitor from Harvey's Honey, will perform beekeeping demonstrations and don his famous beard of bees.

12-1 pm

Washtub Circus - Harley Newman, America's biggest one-man show and world's smallest sideshow, will perform out near Children's Tent. (Saturday only)

1:30-2 pm

Mimery - Barbara Gregson of Showcase Associates will perform a humorous, light-hearted skit out near Children's Tent.

1-4 pm

Children's Activities Tent - features pumpkin painting, apple games,

recycling tag, leaf mask-making and mounds of hay for play. (Seed mask-making will take place during Members Preview, September 21 from 4-6 pm)

1-4 pm

Strolling musicians will play Irish and Scottish tunes and Dixie-style music. (Musicians will also perform during Members Preview)

HARVEST SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, September 22

1:00 Creative Containers for Flower Arranging

Bernice Makin, professional flower arranger

1:30 Topiaries for Table top decoration

Barbara Gallup, author of *The Complete Book of Topiary*

2:00 An Introduction to Food Drying
Joan Johnson, Harvest Show Committee

2:30 Liven up your recipes with Herb Vinegars

Sally McCabe, Philadelphia Green Education Specialist

3:00 Dishing up a Fall Dessert (Praline Mousse Pie)

1 hr. **Richard Rolston**, Executive Pastry Chef, Gordon Keith Wagner Caterer

Sunday, September 23

1:00 Home Preserving doesn't have to

1 hr. be unnerving: safety tips and techniques

Richard Bitner, Harvest Show Preserved Products, Chair

2:30 An Introduction to Ikebana,

Japanese Flower Arranging
Helen Flaig, teacher in the Ikenobo School of Ikebana

2:30 Forcing Spring Bulbs for Indoor Bloom

Walt Fisher, Philadelphia Flower Show Blue Ribbon winner

3:00 The Many Faces of Pumpkins

1 hr. **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo**, Food columnist, The Advance of Bucks County

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We are sensitive to your comments about the large number of September mailings; hence we've combined information about membership and the Flower Show Schedule. Let us know if this change works better for you.

As you study the membership information, please consider increasing your membership to contributing, sponsoring, or sustaining categories. Revenues from these memberships help support Philadelphia Green and Center City Green, our community outreach programs.

The renewal return envelopes are addressed to a box number at Provident Bank to increase our speed and efficiency in processing your renewals. We are always particularly grateful to members who respond promptly to the first dues notice, thereby eliminating the expense of additional reminders and the confusion that results when responses and additional notices cross in the mail.

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Twenty-five PHS members and guests will be guided through the Arboretum with the emphasis on fall foliage and ornamentals with interesting fall fruit. Registrants should bring a brown-bag lunch; dessert and coffee will be pro-

vided. After lunch, you may walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the art collection at your leisure.

Travel instructions will be mailed to participants in September.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENING IN OUR BACKYARD: SWARTHMORE GARDENS OF THE 1920's Thursday, October 11, 6-9 pm

Spend a nostalgic evening with landscape architect **William Menke**, who will take us back to Swarthmore, seventy years ago. His lecture "In Our Backyard: Swarthmore Gardens of the 1920's and How They Have Fared" will feature charming 1920's gardens; some have vanished, others matured, and still others are being restored. Menke will also discuss underlying tenets and regional design influences that can be seen in the gardens.

Reservations from Friends of the Library will be given first preference until September 27, when the program will be open to all PHS members. Support from Friends of the Library assists in the renovation and development of PHS's historical collections. To become a Library Friend, please contact Janet Evans, (215) 625-8261.

Cocktails at 6:00 pm (donation bar); buffet 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm

Fee: \$20.00 members; \$23.00 guests

LECTURE: THE R.H.S. GARDEN AT WISLEY

Tuesday, October 16, 5:45-7:30 pm

British horticulturist **John Watkins** will lead a "tour" through Wisley, the Royal Horticultural Society's garden in Surrey, famous for its greenhouses, extensive display areas, and rock gardens. John's slides will show Wisley's wide diversity of plants and garden features as well as the glasshouses.

John Watkins, supervisor of the Glasshouse Department at Wisley, is responsible for the supervision of maintenance and has developed plans for a new orchid house to be built this fall.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

NOTE: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS**Friday, October 19, 10 am-2 pm**

Experienced basket weaver and instructor **Linda Tenaglia** has planned a series of six basketry workshops to present a variety of techniques, materials, and designs for beginners and intermediates. All are appropriate for gifts and can be duplicated at home in plenty of time for the holidays.

In this first basketry workshop participants will complete an attractive, func-

tional, and decorative wall basket with a handle for hanging. The basket measures 10"Lx6"Hx3"D and is woven of splint (flat reed) with two choices of weave design, one suitable for beginners and the other for intermediates. Natural and dyed reeds will be used to personalize the basket.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, a dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

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Discussions will include plant selection, potting mixes, pot selection, staking, watering, fertilizing, and tips on initiating new growth. Each participant will repot and take home an orchid which is six to twelve months from blooming.

John Leonard, longtime member of PHS and the American Orchid Society, exhibits prize-winning orchids at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee of \$25 for members and \$35 for guests includes all workshop materials.

Limit: 25 participants

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT**Thursday, October 27, 10 am-noon**

Walter Fisher, Flower Show Executive Committee member and perennial winner in Flower Show bulb classes, will teach all the essentials of forcing including methods of attaining full, robust pots of bloom, mechanics of planting, forcing timetables, tips on grooming and exhibition, cold storage techniques, and best varieties for forcing.

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(3 sessions)

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UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS HELP GARDENS GROW

Along with the Society's Philadelphia Green Program, another great organization is eligible to receive funds through the United Way campaign. The Neighborhood Gardens Association/A Philadelphia Land Trust is a non-profit organization established several years ago with a mission to preserve neighborhood gardens and community-managed open spaces, to make them permanent parts of the neighborhood and to ensure the continuity of these valuable activities.

We hope you will consider both Philadelphia Green and the Neighborhood Gardens Association for contributions when you make your United Way Pledge on your Donor Option card. Philadelphia Green's reference number is 6197 and Neighborhood Gardens Association is referenced 08206.

1990 MAJOR AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

Under the leadership of Awards Committee chair, **Martha Barron**, the following nominees have been selected for the Society's Certificate of Merit.

Aspen Farms, a half-acre community garden located at 49th and Aspen Streets in West Philadelphia, sets a standard by which all other community gardens can be measured. Under the able leadership of **Hayward Ford**, a Philadelphia Green Advisory Board member and driving force behind Aspen Farms, some 44 gardeners have created a true oasis in the City combining innovative design techniques and interesting plants to create a central meeting place and profound source of community pride in the shape of a garden.

It would be extremely difficult to determine the stronger attributes within **Anita Kistler**; her loyalty to gardening or her generosity to gardeners. Anita's commitment to both is best illustrated through her work with the American Rock Garden Society and her half-acre garden in West Chester which is home to choice conifers, bulbs and rare plants from all over the globe. In addition to her tenure as President, one of Anita's most important contributions to the A.R.G.S. has been compiling the indices to the A.R.G.S. Bulletin, a task that involved producing a 35 volume index with the help of a team of volunteers and recently producing an index for the next 13 volumes by herself. Anita has generously opened her garden for special PHS membership tours and lectures, all the while, conducting work-

shops and offering her knowledge, enthusiasm and sage advice to master gardeners and novices alike.

Dr. Herman Gold has had an interest in horticulture for almost as long as his career in medicine - about 55 years. His commitment to horticulture was most evident in 1974 when he offered his vast plant collection to Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Upland. The hospital accepted his offer and that was the start of the "Leona Gold Garden." The garden, which took three and a half years to move and replant in its new location, was featured in the May-June 1989 issue of *Green Scene*. It covers more than eight acres and continues to grow through the support of Dr. Gold, who can still be found in the garden weeding, pruning and planting with the Friends of the Garden.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

November 14, 1990

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The Society's Nominating Committee, **Henry H. Reichner, Jr.**, Chair; **Morris Cheston, Jr.**, **Ruth Colket**, **Donald L. Felley**, **Sally Graham**, **Barbara Heckert**, **Richard W. Lighty** and **Jane Ward** propose the following Council members for re-election for additional three year terms: **J. Howard Brosius**, **Tina Colehower**, **Richard W. Lighty** and **Sylvia Lin**. In addition, they will place in nomination for three-year terms the following persons who are not currently members of council:

Diane Allen is a member of the Flower Show Executive Committee and has served as an honorary chair of the City Gardens Contest for several years. She is an enthusiastic home gardener and well-known as an anchor at WCAU-TV Channel 10.

Robert C. Gore is a former member of the Preview Dinner Committee. He has helped the Society on many occasions with personnel-benefit issues as Vice President at Towers Perrin Forster & Crosby.

Charles N. Marshall is Senior Vice President, Development, CONRAIL. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, he is a director of Provident National Bank and a member of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority.

Kathleen G. Putnam chaired the 1990 Flower Show Preview Dinner. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Managers, Women's Committee, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia Craft Show 1992 Chairman-Designate and Agnes Irwin School Trustee. She earned her M.B.A. at Wharton Graduate Division. Kathleen is a member of the Garden Club of Philadelphia.

Ann L. Reed is a member of the Flower Show Competitive Classes and Center City Green Committees and is a professional photographer and a partner in P&R Associates. She is a member of the Garden Club of Philadelphia.

Under the new by-laws of the Society adopted at the 1988 Annual Meeting, members now can vote either in person or by proxy. We hope that you can attend the meeting, but if you cannot, please clip out and return the proxy form. WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THIS. We may not have a quorum at the meeting unless enough proxies are returned.

Raul Betancourt, Secretary

PROXY FORM

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS, NOVEMBER 14, 1990

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1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business
as may come before said meeting.

(Date) _____

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PLANT DIVIDEND

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The following list is just a sampling of plants for distribution; even more varieties will be available on dividend days. Information about cultural requirements and growth habits of all plants will be available.

Houseplants

Begonia 'Los Angeles'; *Cyperus alternifolius* (papyrus); *Erodium chամdryoides* 'roseum'; *Haworthia* x 'Little Warty'; *Hedera helix* (duckfoot ivy); *Hedera helix* 'Needlepoint' (both good for topiary); *Laurus nobilis*; *Ledebouria socialis*; orchids: several varieties, species, and cultivars; *Pelargonium* 'Bird Dancer'; *Streptocarpus* 'Blue Angel' (good for hanging basket); *Trichosporum aeschynanthus*.

Perennials

Achillea ptarmica; *Alchemilla vulgaris*; *Asarum europeum* (choice evergreen groundcover); *Brunnera macrophylla*; *Campanula posharskyana*; *Chrysanthemum morifolium*; *Chrysanthemum virginianum* (native ground cover with yellow flowers); *Echinops ritro* (blue globe thistle); *Helleborus orientalis* (lenten rose, blooms early, evergreen foliage); *Hemerocallis* 'Stella D'Oro' (yellow blooms all season); *Hosta* sps.; *Lunaria biennis* (honesty-nice for dried arrangements); *Mentha requienii* (Corsican mint); *Monarda didyma* (to attract hummingbirds); *Primula japonica*; *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm'; *Stylophorum diphyllum*; *Senecio cinerea*.

Perennials for the Rock Garden

Allium falcifolium; *Aster linariifolius*; *Aquilegia canadensis* 'Nana'; *Lewisia cotyledon*; *Lychnis viscara*; *Mitchella repens*; *Opuntia* sps.; *Orostachys iwarenge*; *Phlox stolonifera* 'Daybreak'; *Sedum ternatum*; *Spiraea nipponica* 'Snowmound'; *Viola lanceolata*; *V. triloba*.

Ornamental grasses

Chasmanthium latifolium; *Imperata cylindrica* 'Rubra'

Wildflowers

Aquilegia canadensis; *Lobelia cardinalis*; *Maianthemum canadense*; *Tiarella cordifolia*.

Vines

Aristolochia mandshurica (good porch screen)

Trees and Shrubs

Acer palmatum; *Aucuba japonica* variegata; *Callicarpa dichotoma* (1989

Styer Award Winner); *Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Boulevard'; *Euonymus fortunei* 'Kewensis'; *Ilex x meserveae* 'Golden Girl' (TM); *Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet' (1988 Styer Award Winner); *Rhododendron fortunei*; *R. Koromo Shikibu*; *R. vaseyi*; *Rosa* 'Bonica' (TM); *Salix metsudana tortuosa*; *S. sachalinensis* 'Sekko'; *Styrax japonica*; *Thuja occidentalis* 'Rheingold'; *Viburnum juddi*; *Zenobia pulverulenta*.

FLOWER SHOW

ARRANGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, October 25, 10 am

Join speakers, **Penny Harris, Audrey Nichols, Rosemarie Vassalluzzo and Phyllis Weeks** for a lively morning of flower arranging topics that include conditioning, dried flowers and new designs.

1991 Flower Show chairs and advisors will be on hand to detail new classes and answer questions.

Symposium will be held at The Highlands, 7001 Sheaff Lane, Fort Washington, PA.

Other Events

POTTERY SALE

Ikebana International, Philadelphia Chapter
Saturday, September 15, 10 am-4 pm
Merion Friends Meeting Bldg.
615 Montgomery Avenue
Merion, PA

TYLER PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 22, 10 am-3 pm
Tyler Arboretum
515 Painter Road, Lima, PA

New in the Library

- Baskets*, Richard Kollath, 1989.
Borderland, John R. Stilgoe, 1990.
The Control of nature, John McPhee, 1989.
The Fruit, herbs & vegetables of Italy, Giacomo Castelvetro, 1989.
The Garden triumphant, David Stuart, 1988.
Gardening from the heart, Carol Olwell, 1990.
Gardening in Spanish and English, J.M. Bury, 1989.
Home orchid growing, 4th ed., Rebecca Tyson Northen, 1990.
The Italian renaissance garden, Claudi Lazzaro, 1990.
Miss Rumphius, Barbara Cooney, 1982. (children's book)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL ROSES, INC. CONVENTION

The national convention of Roses, Inc., a trade association of professional rose growers, will be held in Philadelphia, October 9 - 14. As part of the activities, more than 5,000 roses will be distributed on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am to 3 pm to visitors at the Liberty Bell Pavilion on Independence Mall, Market Street between 5th and 6th Sts.

If you would like to help Roses, Inc. on October 13 along with the likes of Benjamin Franklin a.k.a. Ralph Archibald, please write to Heather Kelly, Roses, Inc., 1152 Haslett Road, P.O. Box 99, Haslett, MI 48840.

With grateful thanks, Roses, Inc. will present each volunteer with a bouquet of red and white roses.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 5 pm

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Activities

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENING: IN OUR BACKYARD: SWARTHMORE GARDENS OF THE 1920's Thursday, October 11, 6-9 pm

Spend a nostalgic evening with landscape architect **William Menke**, who will take us back to Swarthmore seventy years ago. His lecture will feature charming 1920's gardens. Menke will also discuss underlying tenets and regional design influences that can be seen in the gardens.

Reservations from Friends of the Library will be given first preference until September 27, when the program will be open to all PHS members. Support from Friends of the Library assists in the renovation and development of PHS's historical collections. To become a Library Friend, please contact Janet Evans, (215) 625-8261.

Cocktails at 6:00 pm (donation bar);
buffet 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm
Fee: \$20 members; \$23 guests

LECTURE: THE R.H.S. GARDEN AT WISLEY

Thursday, October 16, 5:45-7:30 pm

British horticulturist **John Watkins** will lead a "tour" through Wisley, the Royal Horticultural Society's garden in Surrey, famous for its greenhouses, extensive display areas, and rock gardens. John's slides will show Wisley's wide diversity of plants and garden features as well as the glasshouses.

John Watkins, supervisor of the Glasshouse Department at Wisley, is responsible for the supervision of maintenance and has developed plans for a new orchid house to be built this fall.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

**NOTE: The Library will be open until
5:45 pm this evening**

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

Friday, October 19, 10 am-2 pm

Experienced basket weaver and instructor **Linda Tenaglia** has planned a series of six basketry workshops to present a variety of techniques, materials, and designs for beginners and intermediates. All are appropriate for gifts and can be duplicated at home in plenty of time for the holidays.

In this first basketry workshop participants will complete an attractive, functional, and decorative wall basket with a handle for hanging. The basket measures 10"Lx6"Hx3"D and is woven of splint (flat reed) with two choices of weave design, one suitable for beginners and the other for intermediates. Natural and dyed reeds will be used to personalize the basket.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, a dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

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CHANTICLEER STROLL IN WAYNE Saturday, October 20, 10 am-noon

Chris Woods, executive director, will lead PHS members and guests on an autumn walk through Chanticleer, a private estate in Wayne. The tour will emphasize seasonal color and fall-fruiting or blooming plants.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

WORKSHOP: ORCHIDS FOR THE HOME

Monday, October 22, 6:30-8 pm

Orchid hobbyist **John Leonard** will discuss plants suitable for home culture and potting techniques in this practical workshop designed for beginning orchid growers. This program, a continuation of

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last spring's session, will focus on phalaenopsis grown in New Zealand sphagnum potting mix as an alternative to the standard bark mix.

Discussions will include plant selection, potting mixes, pot selection, staking, watering, fertilizing, and tips on initiating new growth. Each participant will repot and take home an orchid which is six to twelve months from blooming.

John Leonard, longtime member of PHS and the American Orchid Society, exhibits prize-winning orchids at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee of \$25 for members and \$35 for guests includes all workshop materials.

Limit: 25 participants

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Refunds and cancellations:

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BULB PLANTING WORKSHOP Tuesday, November 6, 10 am-noon Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore

Bulb specialist **Brent Heath** of Gloucester County, Virginia, will conduct a practical hands-on workshop on bulb planting. Discussion topics include the mechanics of bulb planting, nutrition, when to fertilize, techniques of mass planting, bedding, naturalizing, professional tools, interplanting, and ways to create dramatic rivers of bulbs.

Participants will help plant a prepared bed and a naturalized area at Scott Arboretum in Swarthmore, co-sponsor of this workshop. Travel directions will be mailed in October.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests.

LECTURE: COLORFUL, CAREFREE LANDSCAPES WITH BULBS

**Co-sponsored by Scott Arboretum
Tuesday, November 6, 5:45-7:15 pm**

Brent Heath, third generation bulb grower and owner of The Daffodil Mart, will discuss bulbs and their most efficient, effective uses in the landscape. Geared for the keen gardener or professional, this talk will include bulbs as companion plants, outstanding bulb combinations, interplanting, best cultivars for mass formal or naturalized plantings, new techniques and tools, and fertilizers for powerful bloom.

Heath's wholesale/retail mail order bulb business is in rural Gloucester County, Virginia.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 Scott and PHS members; \$10 guests

NOTE: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

AT-HOME SERIES: CONSTRUCTING DRY STONE WALLS

**Wednesday, November 7, 10 am-noon
Raindate: Friday, November 9,
10 am-noon**

Constructing dry stone walls is the perfect outdoor project for cool autumn days, and **Morris Berd** is the perfect instructor to stimulate the builder in all of us. Morris will tear down a portion of existing wall to demonstrate how to build a dry stone wall and/or repair an existing one. Discussions will include practical tips on building walls from modest site preparation to planting suitable varieties into the wall itself.

Morris Berd is an artist and gardener extraordinaire, known for his collections of plants, propagating successes, and his dry stone walls.

Travel directions will be mailed in late October.

Fee: \$18 members

WORKSHOP: GATHERED WREATHS Monday, November 12, 10 am-12:30 pm

Wild herbs, grasses, and flowers are gathered together to create lush wreaths reflecting participants own creativity. **Ruth Flounders** and **Frank Keiser** will give step-by-step instructions, herblore, and tips on gathering and drying.

Participants should bring clippers and a box to transport finished 14" wreaths. All other materials will be provided. Limited to 12.

Fee: \$28 members; \$32 guests

WORKSHOP: JEREMIAH BASKET Friday, November 15, 10 am-2 pm

Linda Tenaglia's choice for the second basketry project is the Jeremiah basket, a large, colorful and useful market basket for beginner and/or intermediate weavers. This basket has a pre-formed oak handle and is woven with natural and dyed reeds using traditional splint-work technique. Your choices of color make each basket unique.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, a dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

WORKSHOP: GETTING STARTED WITH FLOWERS

Tuesday, November 20, 10 am-noon

Novice arrangers shouldn't miss this opportunity to create a lovely autumn arrangement with PHS staffer, **Peggy Grady**. Introductory discussions of flower arranging principles and flower selection will serve as guidelines to bolster your confidence and enhance your creativity. An artful array of blossoms and other materials will be supplied.

Participants should bring a knife, clippers and a box to transport completed arrangement.

Fee: \$30 members; \$35 guests



SCOTTISH GARDEN TOUR June, 1991

Next summer **Jane Pepper**, PHS President, will lead a 14-day tour of Scottish gardens in and around Inverness, Perth and Edinburgh. Brochures will be available in November. If you'd like to receive one, please send a self-addressed, business-size envelope to Scottish Tour, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2777.

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Azalea Garden Almanack

Bring your folding chair, blanket and lots of friends as we ring in the fall season on October 21 with — Gay Nineties, An Autumn Afternoon in the Park.

Friends of the Azalea Garden have been mighty busy throughout the summer sprucing up the garden during Saturday clean-up days. Thanks to the Friends group, to Heyser landscaping, and to our friends from the Fairmount Park Commission, the Garden is in great shape and we are ready to tackle a new project, the tree fund. On **Sunday, October 21** from 2-4:30 pm, a Gay Nineties celebration in the Azalea Garden, will kick-off a new year of fundraising and membership promotion so we can start re-planting trees to replace the aging sycamores along the perimeter of the Garden (see

Buy a Tree program in box). Children's bulb planting projects, a barbershop quartet, storytelling under the great old elm, hot cider, popcorn, ice cream and activities geared to family members of all ages set the stage for a great afternoon in the Park. Friends' are invited free of charge, guests are encouraged to make a

BUY A TREE

Replanting the ring of trees around the perimeter of the Azalea Garden is an ambitious task and we need your help to do it. Your donation of \$500 will purchase one tree. If you would like to help us with the tree fund, please send your check to PHS c/o Jane Pepper, President.

donation. For more information call Kate Swartz at (215) 625-8280 ext. 30.

PHS has made lots of new friends this year in addition to the Garden's dedicated team of pruners and weederers. Our friendly neighbor on Logan Square, **The Four Seasons Hotel**, has generously supplied the Friends Committee with several Tea For Two afternoons to be raffled off each clean-up day. Another raffle, sponsored by local merchants, will provide winning guests at the Gay Nineties event with choice local fare.

If you would like to join the Friends one Saturday each month to prune, weed, or plant, or, if you would like to participate in one of the Friends' committees, please give Kate a call at the number above. If you'd prefer to participate from afar, we'd be delighted with your donation toward the Garden's maintenance fund.

I am interested in contributing:

☐ Time to:

- help plant additional perennial and bulb beds
- weed and prune on Garden Days—**upcoming Garden Days are**

**October 13, November 10 and
December 8 from 9-12**

- join a Friends committee

☐ Money to:

- buy a tree
- contribute to the Garden's ongoing maintenance fund

Enclosed is my donation for \$_____ (payable to PHS/F.O.A.G.).

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Pepperpot

As a dirt gardener, the Harvest Show gives me a big charge each year. Beautiful as it is, it's not just the produce, but also the pride and joy with which the gardeners make their presentations. In some cases it's three peppers carefully selected from a huge basket to represent the very best of the crop. Bounty by the Basket brings out the best of gardeners like **Sue Armstrong, Sue Leary** and **Dorothy Noble**, whose baskets were filled with peppers and tomatoes, gourds, eggplants and potatoes in a range of varieties. And in the floral bounty classes, everyone in the area caught their breath when **Todd** and **Patricia Phillippi** brought in a large basket filled with Japanese anemones, salvias, dahlias, cosmos and the late gourmet blossoms from their garden in Northeast Philadelphia. After their four children had gone to bed, they had sat up half the night preparing the basket and entry information.

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AIDES NEEDED FOR 1991 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Arrangement Aides are needed daily
March 9-16 (except Sunday) from
6:30 to 9:15 AM.

Barrier Aides are needed daily
March 11-16 to facilitate judging of
design classes from 8 AM until judging
is completed around 1 pm.

Hospitality Aides are needed daily
March 9-16 (except Sunday) from
6:30 to 9:15 AM.

Horticulture Barrier Aides are needed
on Tuesday, March 12 and Friday,
March 15 from 8 AM until judging is
completed.

We welcome PHS members as
volunteers; please check the appropriate
box on the Reservations coupon on page
three.

THE HARVEST SHOW A Time to Reap

As the summer's sowings came to bear fruit, the Harvest Show blossomed with more than just the standard fare of fruit, flowers and vegetables. Nearly 700 children with an average age of five, came tumbling out to the Show, parents in tow, to view a splendid array of entries and take part in a multitude of children's activities.

Weaving their way through a maze of tents and hay, youngsters made paper beads, got a bird's eye view of a compost pet tank and painted a total of 650 pumpkins and butternut squash.

The Harvest Show's adult visitors, when not scrambling after their young charges, filled hourly lectures and demonstrations to capacity, collected seed of heritage tomato plants at Craig LeHoullier's educational display and enjoyed the harvest of more than 400 exhibitors from city and suburb. The best of the best of this year's winners are listed on page four.

Gifts to Grow On

What better way to celebrate the holidays than by giving a friend a year's membership in PHS. This year round pleasure provides a free plant, subscriptions to the award-winning *Green Scene* magazine and *PHS News*, a free ticket to the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Harvest Show, as well as advance notice on workshops, trips and many other activities.

Individual price — \$35

Send gift membership to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Amount of check enclosed: _____

Family price \$45 (entitles you to three Show Tickets)

Sent from:

Name _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Return form to GIFTS, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
19106 no later than December 10.

Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS

(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, November 19, 7 pm

Robert Coia: *Paphiopedilum*

Monday, December 10, 7 pm

Stephen Shifflett: Holistic Orchid Care



LOIS W. PAUL MEMORIAL LECTURE: CREATING SPACE AND OTHER CITY GARDEN ILLUSIONS

Thursday, November 1, 5:45-7:15 pm

Linda Yang, gardener and columnist for The Home Section of Thursday's *New York Times*, will illustrate ideas for creating space and other city garden illusions using plants and architectural elements. Ms. Yang's slides show what many gardeners from coast to coast have accomplished with positive emphasis on the challenges and joys that face city gardeners. This topic will interest anyone who gardens in a small space or containers.

Linda Yang's new book, *The City Gardener's Handbook: From Balcony to Backyard* is the expanded successor to *Terrace Gardener's Handbook*, both based on her practical experiences gardening in the city. Her articles and photographs have appeared in many national magazines.

Program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$9 members; \$11 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

BULB PLANTING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 6, 10 am-noon

Scott Arboretum, Swarthmore

Bulb specialist Brent Heath of Gloucester County, Virginia, will conduct a practical hands-on workshop on bulb planting. Discussion topics include the mechanics of bulb planting, nutrition, when to fertilize, techniques of mass planting, bedding, naturalizing, professional tools, interplanting, and ways to create dramatic rivers of bulbs.

Participants will help plant a prepared bed and a naturalized area at Scott Arboretum in Swarthmore, co-sponsor of this workshop. Travel directions will be mailed when your reservation is received at PHS.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests.

LECTURE: COLORFUL, CAREFREE LANDSCAPES WITH BULBS

Co-sponsored by Scott Arboretum

Tuesday, November 6, 5:45-7:15 pm

Brent Heath, third generation bulb grower and owner of The Daffodil Mart, will discuss bulbs and their most efficient, effective uses in the landscape. Geared for the keen gardener or professional, this talk will include bulbs as companion plants, outstanding bulb combinations, interplanting, best cultivars for mass formal or naturalized plantings, new techniques and tools, and fertilizers for powerful bloom.

Heath's wholesale/retail mail order bulb business is in rural Gloucester County, Virginia.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 Scott and PHS members; \$10 guests

NOTE: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

WORKSHOP: JEREMIAH BASKET

Thursday, November 15, 10 am-2 pm

Linda Tenaglia's choice for the second basketry project is the Jeremiah basket, a large, colorful and useful market basket for beginner and/or intermediate weavers. This basket has a pre-formed oak handle and is woven with natural and dyed reeds using traditional splint-work technique. Your choices of color make each basket unique.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, a dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown-bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

WORKSHOP: GETTING STARTED WITH FLOWERS

Tuesday, November 20, 10 am-noon

Novice arrangers shouldn't miss this opportunity to create a lovely autumn arrangement with PHS staffer, Peggy Grady. Introductory discussions of flower arranging principles and flower selection will serve as guidelines to bolster your confidence and enhance your creativity. An artful array of blossoms and other materials will be supplied.

Participants should bring a knife, clippers and a box to transport completed arrangement.

Fee: \$30 members; \$35 guests

DEMONSTRATION: ARRANGING FROM THE WINTER GARDEN

Monday, December 3, 10 am-noon

Longview Farm, Malvern, PA

Joanna Reed's informal arranging stems from her desire to bring her garden indoors regardless of the season. In this second program on seasonal arranging, Joanna will talk about her "stick and stuff" technique and conditioning of plants as she demonstrates ways to use treasures from the winter garden: berries, evergreens, interesting fruits, foliage, and twigs.

Travel instructions will be mailed in mid-November.

Fee: \$13 members; \$15 guests

Limited to one guest per member.

FIELD TRIP: HOLIDAY SAMPLER IN GERMANTOWN

Wednesday, December 5, 9 am-4 pm

Join us for a leisurely tour of four historic Germantown houses decorated for the holidays. First we'll visit Cliveden, residence of the Chew family for nearly 200 years. Cliveden houses fine examples of 18th and 19th-century Philadelphia craftsmanship. Our next stop is Grumblethorpe, restored and furnished as it might have been when built by John Wister in 1744.

We'll have lunch at Loudon and a tour of the Greek Revival house built in 1801. Loudon has original 18th and 19th century furnishings and paintings.

Our last visit will be Stenton Mansion, an early Georgian country manor house built 1723-30 by James Logan, secretary to William Penn. Stenton contains high-style period furnishings reflective of the first three generations of the Logan family.

Fee of \$42 for members and \$45 for guests includes round-trip transportation, all entrance and guide fees, and lunch. Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed to participants.

WORKSHOP: DOUBLE-BASED ROUND BASKET

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Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

WORKSHOP: TABLETOP TOPIARIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, December 11, 10 am-noon

Interesting foliage combinations make these little trees stand out as tabletop decorations or holiday gifts. Individuality is achieved through your selection of fresh greens and berries, and the frame can be re-used for many years.

PHS staffers **Peggy Grady** and **Carol Lindemann** will lead you through steps to

create your own tabletop topiary for the holidays. Participants should bring hand pruners/clippers, scissors, and a small box to transport a 5" clay pot. All fresh greens and berries and other materials will be provided.

Peggy Grady is assistant librarian/horticulturist and Carol Lindemann is PHS administrative assistant.

Fee: \$33 members; \$37 guests

Reservations

Clip and mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the PHS News.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

LECTURE: CREATING SPACE, GARDEN ILLUSIONS

Members \$9____ Guests \$11____

BULB PLANTING WORKSHOP

Members \$15____ Guests \$18____

LECTURE: LANDSCAPES WITH BULBS

Members \$8____ Guests \$10____

WORKSHOP: JEREMIAH BASKET

Members \$35____ Guests \$40____

GETTING STARTED WITH FLOWERS

Members \$30____ Guests \$35____

ARRANGING FROM THE WINTER GARDEN

Members \$13____ Guests \$15____

FIELD TRIP: HOLIDAY SAMPLER IN GERMANTOWN

Members \$42____ Guests \$45____

Pick-up: HC____ CC____

WORKSHOP: DOUBLE-BASED ROUND BASKET

Members \$35____ Guests \$38____

WORKSHOP: TABLETOP TOPIARIES

Members \$33____ Guests \$37____

FIELD TRIP: HILLWOOD AND THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Members \$46____ Guests \$50____

Pick-up: HC____ CC____

FIELD TRIP: HILLWOOD AND THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, December 13, 7 am-7 pm

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will have a two-hour tour of Hillwood, former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th-century french furniture.

In Georgetown, you'll shop or lunch on your own before a 3 pm guided tour of Washington's National Cathedral, dedicated this September after 83 years under construction. This Gothic masterpiece, also known as the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, was chartered by Congress in 1893.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, and all entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in late November.

Fee: \$46 members; \$50 guests

I would like to volunteer as a Flower Show Aide.

Please check only one and return form to Marge Meer at PHS before December 1, 1990.

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HARVEST SHOW (Continued)

PHS AWARDS

The Certificate of Excellence was awarded to **Scott Arboretum** of Swarthmore College, **Penn State University**, **Walt Fisher** and **Ann Schafer** and **William** and **Mary Coppens**, for their educational displays. The PHS Gardener's Sweepstakes to the individual winning the greatest number of blue ribbons in two or more sections of the Show was awarded to **Sue Leary** of Collingswood, NJ with 17 blue ribbons. The Community Garden Sweepstakes Certificate went to **Brickyard Farm**, 4245-49 Sansom Street and the PHS Club Sweepstakes was won by **Four Counties Garden Club**.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Mabel Engle of Columbus, NJ won the Creativity Award and the Tricolor Award was captured by **James and Amanda Hayden**. The Award of Horticultural Excellence presented to the Horticultural exhibit scoring 95 points or more and judged as the finest in the National Council Sections of the Horticultural Division went to **Sue Armstrong** of West Chester. **Walt Fisher** of Bryn Mawr walked away again this year with the Award of Merit for his Celosia "Fir Dragon". The Arboreal Award was won by **Eleanor Lloyd** of Chestnut Hill and the Educational award was presented to **Walt Fisher** and **Ann Schafer** for their display "Celosia from Borders to Bouquets". Junior Achievement Awards were given to **Libby Diamant** and **Kimberton Waldorf**, **Kimtosna Epps** of the Children of Gethsemane community garden, **Ruth**, **David** and **Justin Phillippi**, and the Delaware Valley Mental Health Facility Youth Group.

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Educational and Conservation Award was presented to **William** and **Mary Coppens** for their educational display "Exploration with Concrete Gardening".

DISTRICT I AWARD

Lazaro C. Fontanilla, Jr. won the District I Trophy in the Design Section Table Class.

PHILADELPHIA AREA JUDGES COUNCIL AWARD

Mabel Engle won the Katherine Littlewood Reiger Memorial Trophy for her outstanding blue ribbon entry in the Design Section.

New in the Library

- Azaleas*, Christopher Fairweather, 1988.
Climbing roses, Christopher Warner, 1988.
Dahlias, Philip Damp, 1988.
The floral designer, Joanna Sheen, 1990.
Fuchsias, Jill R. Clark, 1988.
Herbs, Simon Hopkinson, 1989.
Magnolias, James M. Gardiner, 1989.
Modern garden roses, Peter Harkness, 1988.
Plants or ground cover, Graham Stuart Thomas, 1990.
Reading the French garden, Denise Le Dantec, 1990.

Pepperpot

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I also get a charge out of selfless gardeners like **Bill** and **Mary Coppens** who spend all summer tending vegetables and fruits in containers in their city backyard so we can enjoy them at the Harvest Show. Neither the Coppens, nor **Walt Fisher**, a new exhibitor in the educational category this year, could think about leaving their charges to take a summer vacation.

A giant of a man, **Walt** is known for his precision in gardening, the kind of precision that has won him endless blue ribbons in the spring Show's bulb classes and, in previous Harvest Shows, for his beautifully grown celosias. This year he not only had to grow the best celosias, but he also had to design the exhibit, make the signs and staging and go into partnership with **Ann Schafer**, who took charge of the all-celosia flower arrangements.

Grateful thanks to **Walt** and **Ann**, to **Bill** and **Mary** and to all the other Harvest Show exhibitors and to the committee led by **Ann Benzel**, chair and **Sandy Manthorpe**, vice chair. My gardening batteries were fully charged by the end of the weekend by the beautiful exhibits and also by the enthusiasm of all who participated.

Jane G. Pepper

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President

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GRANTING A GREENER TOMORROW — PHS RECEIVES BONUS FROM PEW

PHS will ring in the new year with some very generous support from **The Pew Charitable Trusts, William Penn Foundation** and **Sun Company, Inc.** for the furtherment of the Society's outreach programs, Philadelphia Green and Center City Green.

The three-year Pew grant, will enable PHS to continue its successful greening efforts in the city's low and moderate income neighborhoods, while encouraging us to expand our horizons as to how PHS can contribute to neighborhood greening. The grant will also enable the Society to support new endeavors to improve the City's public face through the landscaping of important public spaces through the Center City Green Program and through a special William Penn Center City trees project.

The second phase of the **William Penn Foundation** grant has begun with the hiring of **Mindy Maslin** as tree education coordinator. Mindy will be taking trees "on the road" with a new education program geared to students and teachers in the Philadelphia school system. School tree projects will include workshops, assembly presentations and hands-on planting programs with students. Teachers who are interested in finding out more about this program should call Mindy at (215) 625-8280.

Sun Beautifies 26th Street

PHS's 26th Street Gateway Improvement Project entered its second phase this fall with additional clearing and grading. If you drove by in November, you may have noticed debris — old cars, tires and radiators — being removed and the ground being prepared in readiness for planting next spring. Look for the beginnings of a

beautiful blooming gateway next summer.

Azalea Garden

Even with the azaleas deep in their autumn slumber, a great time was had by all who attended the first annual Gay Nineties—a Sunday Afternoon in the Park hosted by PHS in October as a special thanks to all those wonderful volunteers who work to keep the Garden in great shape. A barbershop quartet, the Sweet Adeline's singing group, children's activities and tasty treats donated by **Breyers Ice Cream of Kraft, Inc., Herb Gustow, Judy Foley** and **Tasty Baking Co.** made for a successful party and as a bonus, enough funds were raised to buy and plant the first replacement tree for the perimeter area of the Garden. If you would like to know more about the Friends of the Azalea Garden or would like to participate in the next weekend Garden clean-up day, December 8, please call Kate Schwartz at (215) 625-8280 ext. 30.



ACCOLADES FOR GREENING EFFORTS

The Foundation for Architecture has presented its Award of Excellence to "All Philadelphians who devote such loving energy to the greening of Philadelphia" citing PHS's Philadelphia Green program as the organizing body behind the greening movement. The Award, given annually as part of the FFA's Awards for Urban Design Excellence, was voted on by FFA members and Philadelphia leaders and was presented for the place that is most characteristic of our City — and most accessible to — all Philadelphians. Thanks to everyone for recognizing the important role gardens and greening play in our lives.

MEMBERSHIP/INFORMATION BOOTH SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR FLOWER SHOW

Members Committee chair **Sylvia Lin** invites members to help staff the Membership/Information Booth at the 1991 Philadelphia Flower Show, March 10-17. Information volunteers will direct visitors to exhibits; membership volunteers will answer questions about the Society and sell memberships and assorted Flower Show souvenirs. To volunteer, check the appropriate box on the Reservation Form, page three.

Confirmations will be mailed in January.

FLOWER SHOW WINTER WORKSHOPS

It's never too early to be thinking about spring and with this year's winter workshops at **The Highlands**, spring arrives in the form of several morning sessions geared to Artistic Class exhibitors both new and old. Beginning **January 23** and continuing each Wednesday through **February 27** from **10 am to 12**, exhibitors will enjoy short presentations on "Fitting Your Background", "Tips for Travel to the Show", "Problem Solvers: Emergency Kits", "Lighting Techniques", "Prepare to be Passed", and "Here Comes the Judge".

The Highlands is located at 7001 Schaeff Lane in Fort Washington. For more information, call Marge Meers at (215) 625-8292.

MEMBERSHIP TRAVEL NOTES— VIRGINIA AND COLORADO

PHS will sponsor two short horticultural tours during the spring and summer of 1991. In late April, 25 members and guests will visit gardens in Virginia around Richmond, the Northern Neck, and Fredericksburg. Although this is Virginia Garden Week, we're fortunate to have invitations to

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Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS

(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, December 10, 7 pm

Stephen Shifflet: Holistic Orchid Care

Monday, January 21, 7 pm

Azhar Mustafa: (program to be announced)

SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY EXHIBIT: POSSUM HUTS IN THE COW BARN

December 3-28, 1990

Monday - Friday, 9 am-5 pm

EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION:

Friday, December 7, 5-7 pm

The 1990 Holiday exhibit features an exhibition of handcrafted miniature houses called "Possum Huts", complete with furniture, utensils, plants, and holiday decorations, in a barn-like setting including a herd of life-size soft sculpture Angus cattle.

Join us on Friday, December 7, to meet artist/craftsperson **Helga Tacreiter** and learn the techniques she uses to create **Possum Huts in the Cow Barn**. Holiday libations and refreshments provided. Reception is free to all members, but reservations are required. To reserve, kindly check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three.



FIELD TRIP: HOLIDAY SAMPLER IN GERMANTOWN

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LECTURE: GERTRUDE JEKYLL

Thursday, January 10, 5:45-7:15 pm

Garden historian **Judith Tankard** will talk about **Gertrude Jekyll**, legendary artist and gardener. Ms. Tankard will discuss Jekyll's background, how she translated her artistic training into garden art with emphasis on Munstead Wood and other Jekyll gardens. Discussion topics will include planting combinations, favorite plants, and how Gertrude Jekyll put them all together.

Judith Tankard, freelance writer, lecturer, editor, and photographer, is an instructor in the certificate programs of landscape design and gardening arts at Radcliffe College and the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 this evening.

WORKSHOP: EGG OR MELON BASKET

Friday, January 11, 10 am-2 pm

The egg or melon basket, a "must" for any basket collection, is a traditional Appalachian basket in the "rib" style construction. With 8" hoops forming the basic structure, this basket features weavers of natural and dyed splint with round reed spokes. This project, a little

more challenging than earlier baskets in the series, is suitable for beginners with patience and good manual dexterity and/or intermediate weavers.

Experienced basketry instructor, **Linda Tenaglia**, will guide the participants through steps to complete the egg or melon basket. Participants should bring a bucket, a straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee of \$31 for members and \$35 for guests includes all other materials.

GROUND COVERS

Saturday, January 12, 10-11:30 am

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Beginners and experienced flower pressers will glean important tips about the pressing process — all in preparation for a pressed flower design workshop scheduled for late spring.

Rosemarie Vassalluzzo is a food and garden columnist and 1991 Chair of the Pressed Plant Class at the Flower Show. **Barbara Keenan**, Chair of the Pressed Plant Class from 1988-1990, lectures and conducts workshops on pressed plants.

Fee: \$5 members; \$7 guests

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Thursday, January 17, 5:45-7:15 pm

Jane Austen's novels contain much information about the development of English landscape gardening in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The landscape setting, whether garden or parkland, is crucial to the plot; characters reveal themselves as they talk about garden

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FIELD TRIP: HOLIDAY SAMPLER IN GERMANTOWN

Members \$42 _____ Guests \$45 _____

Pick-up: HC _____ CC _____

WORKSHOP: DOUBLE-BASED ROUND BASKET

Members \$35 _____ Guests \$38 _____

LECTURE: GERTRUDE JEKYLL

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GREEN SCENE WRITING COURSE

Members \$65 _____ Guests \$75 _____

LECTURE: THE WINTER GARDEN

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- ☐ We will attend Holiday Exhibit Reception,
December 7, 5-7 pm Number _____

Please send itinerary for the following:

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_____ PHS trip to Colorado, July 1991

- ☐ I volunteer to work in the Membership/Information Booth at the 1991 Philadelphia Flower Show

NAME _____

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WRITING FOR GREEN SCENE AND OTHER GARDENING PUBLICATIONS

Saturdays, January 26 and February 2, 10 am to 3 pm

Now that you've put away your spades and shovels, it's time to sharpen your pencils or go to your computers to share your tall gardening tales, paint a portrait of a gardening hero, or just plain tell how it is in the plant world. This is a course for those who have never written, who have trouble getting started, or who have trouble revising. We'll be looking at techniques for getting the right brain (creative side) and left brain (organizer and critic) to dance together when we write. Maximum enrollment: 15 persons.

Instructor: **Jean Byrne**, *Green Scene* editor.

Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch PHS will supply beverages and dessert.

Fee: \$65 members; \$75 guests

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PHS LIBRARY GOES INTERNATIONAL WITH OCLC MEMBERSHIP

Armed with funding from the State Library of Pennsylvania Department of Education, PHS's Library will shortly become part of the Online Computer Library Center, an international library network that links PHS to more than 10,000 libraries worldwide.

With increased interest in gardening books during the past decade, the demand on PHS's holdings from other libraries has greatly increased. Now, PHS will have the ability to satisfy this demand by entering its holdings on OCLC and begin the interlibrary loan process. Likewise, PHS will also use the network as a source for titles not available in our collections. Currently, our card catalog is being incorporated into the OCLC database: we'll let you know when we're online.

New in the Library

Artistically cultivated herbs, Elise Felton, 1990.

The Cattleyas and their relatives, Carl L. Withner, 1990.

Complete manual of perennial ground covers, David S. MacKenzie, 1989.

The complete old wive's lore for gardeners, Maureen Boland, 1989.

Diseases of shade trees, Terry A. Tatter, 1989.

Gardens on paper, Virginia Tuttle Clayton, 1990.

The hummingbird book, Donald Stokes, 1989.

HOTLINE HIATUS

The Hotline will be closed for the month of December. On January 7, 1991 the Hotliners will resume normal hours, Monday - Friday from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. The Hotline number is (215) 922-8043.

Grateful thanks to our dedicated volunteers for handling 2,453 gardening questions this past year. **Richard Both, Jane Carter, George Clark, Alice Doering, Joyce Fingerut, Harriett Green, Nancy Greenwood, Tam Hartell, Louis Hood, Erich Meitzner, Natalie Nelson, Dot Plyler, Jen Porter, Elizabeth Schumacher, Alan Slack, Irene Slater, John Swan, Susan Wilmerding, Mary Lou Wolfe, and Wilbur Zimmerman.**

TRAVEL NOTES (Continued)

visit private and public gardens when they are not open as part of the Virginia Garden Week celebration. Itineraries will be ready in December 1990.

You'll have lots of time to re-load your camera and re-pack your suitcase before leaving for a six-day Colorado adventure July 10. Participants will explore the wild and the tame, visiting private and public gardens in Denver and Vail areas interspersed with walks through wildflower meadows in the Rockies. Itineraries will be ready in late January.

Jean Lenehan of Tours a la Carte and **Betsy Gullan**, PHS membership coordinator, will accompany both groups.

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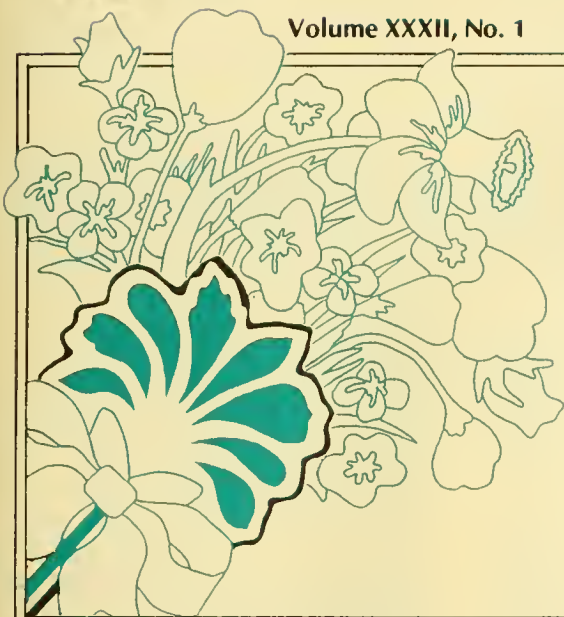
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March 10-17

ENDLESS SPRING

Monday through Saturday

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Sundays 10 am to 6 pm

*Tickets on sale now at PHS, Ticketmaster,
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For more information call (215) 625-8253 (24 hrs.)

SPECIAL FLOWER SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Cut flowers take center stage this year at the Show and with all those beautiful bouquets, we're pleased to announce two special events by floral designers from Holland and Italy. **Both events by reservation only.**

Monday, March 11, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

European-style arranging by **Mimma and Aldo Alberti** and representatives of the **Flower Council of Holland**.

The Albertis live in the San Remo region of Liguria, on the Italian Riviera, headquarters of the Italian flower-growing industry. In addition to running a flower business and store in the center of San Remo, the Albertis exhibit in flower shows all over Europe.

Johan Weisz, chief designer for the Flower Council of Holland, will lead the Dutch team of arrangers, known worldwide for their large-scale displays. Johan has staged exhibits across Europe, winning commendations in the Europe Cup floral art competitions. In 1988 he was chosen to design the flower decorations for the coronation of Queen Beatrix.

There is no charge for this event. Please check reservation coupon on page three and return to PHS. We will mail seminar ticket to you in late February. Show tickets can be purchased at the Show or from PHS, local garden centers and florists.

Monday, March 11, 4:00 to 9:00 pm

This is an evening of Dutch flower and bulb seminars and design events for professionals in the floral industry. To receive an invitation from the Dutch Ambassador, please check reservation coupon on page three. Open to professional florists only.

MEMBERSHIP/INFORMATION BOOTH SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR FLOWER SHOW

Members Committee chair **Sylvia Lin** invites members to help staff the Membership/Information Booth at the 1991 Philadelphia Flower Show, March 10-17. Information volunteers will direct visitors to exhibits; membership volunteers will answer questions about the Society and sell memberships and assorted Flower Show souvenirs. To volunteer, check the box on the Reservation Form, page three.

Peppercot

The Flower Show could never open its doors if we had to depend completely on the few PHS staff members with Show responsibilities. Our extended arms, legs and minds are those 1,000 or so volunteers that rally behind the Society and make it possible for us to put on the best indoor flower show in the world.

Chief among these resourceful and committed volunteers are the chair and vice-chair of the Competitive Classes. Take **Audrey Pfeilsticker** for example, who first caught Flower Show fever more than a decade ago when she chaired the Four Lanes End Garden Club exhibit in the room and table classes. Such was her enthusiasm that we signed her on as class vice-chair and since then she's barely had time to breathe.

Audrey's time commitment to her current job as chair of Competitive Classes is "almost full time" and there's many a week in January and February when you'll find her at PHS headquarters all day almost every day.

Initially, it was the people that drew
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Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS

(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, January 21, 7 pm

Monday, February 18, 7 pm



LECTURE: GERTRUDE JEKYLL

Thursday, January 10, 5:45-7:15 pm

Garden historian **Judith Tankard** will talk about Gertrude Jekyll, legendary artist and gardener. Discussion topics will include planting combinations, favorite plants, and how Gertrude Jekyll put them all together.

Judith Tankard, freelance writer, lecturer, editor, and photographer, is an instructor in the certificate programs of landscape design and gardening arts at Radcliffe College and the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

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WORKSHOP: EGG OR MELON BASKET

Friday, January 11, 10 am-2 pm

The egg or melon basket, a "must" for any basket collection, is a traditional Appalachian basket in the "rib" style construction. This project is suitable for beginners with patience and good manual dexterity and/or intermediate weavers.

Experienced basketry instructor, **Linda Tenaglia**, will guide the participants through steps to complete the egg or melon basket. Participants should bring a bucket, a straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

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WORKSHOP: OHARA SCHOOL, ORIENTAL FLOWER ARRANGING (Intermediate Level)

Mondays, February 4, 11, 25, 6:45-8:45 pm

Bernice Makin, master teacher in two schools of Ikebana, will reinforce the basic rules you must learn before bending, breaking, or varying patterns for free-style arranging.

Participants working toward certificates may count these classes toward master teaching certification in Ohara.

Registrants should bring clippers, low container, and a box to transport finished arrangement. All other materials will be provided.

Fee: \$50 members; \$55 guests for three sessions.

LECTURE: THE GARDENER'S WORLD OF BULBS

Wednesday, February 6, 5:45 pm

Garden designer/writer **Judy Glattstein** will take us beyond the familiar to a wide range of underused bulbs with creative possibilities for garden use. Glossing over daffodils and tulips, Ms. Glattstein will present an overview of hardy and tender bulbs for spring and summer gardens, and autumn-blooming treasures. The emphasis will be on how they enhance the garden; interplanting, culture, maintenance, and sources for bulbs will also be discussed.

Judy Glattstein, who has her own garden design business in Wilton,

for the revision of the BBG handbook on bulbs to be available in summer 1991.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

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WORKSHOP: PERENNIAL PLEASURES - THE SUMMER FLOWER GARDEN

Thursday, February 7, 10 am-2 pm

Judy Glattstein's four-hour class on herbaceous border design will explore color and plant combinations. Discussions will include: combining plants in a border for aesthetic effect, different plant categories to be combined, seasons of bloom, value of seed head or fruit. We'll see the same plant in diff-

erent situations and hone our perceptions of how color and texture behave in combination.

Ms. Glattstein is a lecturer, author, and landscape consultant from Wilton, Connecticut.

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$22 members; \$26 guests

WORKSHOP: RECTANGULAR TWILL BASKET

Wednesday, February 13, 10 am-2 pm

Snowdate: February 15, 10 am-2 pm

Your basketry collection will not be complete without a twill basket, a sturdy, durable weave of natural and dyed splint reed. Instructor **Linda Tenaglia**, experienced basket weaver, has chosen this rectangular basket because of its versatility and attractive design. Finished baskets will be approximately 12"L, 7"W, and 5" high - suitable for patient beginners and/or intermediate weavers.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be available.

Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: WINTER GARDENING

Thursday, February 14, 10 am-noon

Chestnut Hill, PA

Snowdate: Friday February 15

Peggy Bowditch will show us how to brighten up a plant collection with winter flowers. Bulbs forced for winter bloom can join begonias and orchids to enhance garden room or window sill.

Participants will see two different growing environments, a fluorescent light garden and a garden room. Discussions will include management of light gardens and garden rooms, pest control, suggestions for winter-flowering plants, and tips on bulb forcing.

Horticulturist **Peggy Bowditch**, frequent blue-ribbon winner in the

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- ☐ Please register me for European-style arranging event
- ☐ Please send me itinerary for:

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competitive classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show, serves on the PHS Members Committee and has chaired various Flower Show classes.

Fee: \$15 members only

Travel directions will be mailed in early February.

LECTURE: SEQUENCE OF BLOOM

Thursday, February 21, 5:45-7:15 pm

Using her own garden as a backdrop, landscape designer **Kath Duckett** will show how to achieve a continuous sequence of bloom with a backbone of perennials interspersed with self-seeding annuals. Kath will discuss ways to create a bountiful effect with tips on careful planning, plant selection, soil preparation, and how to encourage short-lived perennials to seed.

Horticulturist Kath Duckett, designer and owner of Perennial Designs, has a beautiful garden in Doylestown, Bucks County.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by light refreshments.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.



MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS

PHS will send two first-class mailings in January. The first mailing, the final renewal notice, should arrive about January 2. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so as soon as possible so your name can be included in the late January ticket mailing.

The last week in January all paid-up members will receive 1991 membership cards, Flower Show ticket(s), Show information and spring activities list. If you've paid your dues but have not received your tickets by February 11, please call **Linda Davis**, Membership Secretary, at (215) 625-8265.

PHS GOES ON TOUR

Gardens of Scotland, June 10-24

There's just a few spaces left on this very special trip to Scotland led by PHS president **Jane Pepper** and **Michael D. Blacklock**, Director of Marketing Services, National Trust for Scotland. Jane and Mickey have planned visits to private gardens as well as to several managed by The National Trust for Scotland. You'll fly direct to Inverness,

then stay in Perth and Edinburgh. In each garden the owner or head gardener will be your horticultural guide.

Travel USA

PHS will also offer two shorter domestic trips during Spring and Summer 1991. In late April, 25 members and guests will travel by bus to Virginia for four days to sample outstanding private and public gardens in Richmond, Northern Neck, and Fredericksburg areas.

In July members will experience the wild and tame during a six-day visit to Denver and Vail, Colorado. We'll visit private and public gardens in the city and mountains plus wildflower meadows in the Rockies.

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PEPPERPOT (Continued)

her into the Show, then she became addicted to watching the year-long picture puzzle come together.

Mary Jo Strawbridge, Audrey's vice-chair, signed on 16 years ago to help members of her club, The Garden Workers, create an ambitious entry in the garden section.

Since then Mary Jo has exhibited with club members in rooms and tables and the window box class and was president of her club when they competed again in the garden class. She too gets a real thrill out of seeing the Show come together and describes the whole experience as "sheer pleasure for a wonderful cause."

Grateful thanks to Audrey and Mary Jo and to the legions of other members, each one of whom plays a vital role in getting the Show on the road.

Jane G. Pepper
President

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

Elisabeth Woodburn of Hopewell, N.J. died suddenly at her home, Booknoll Farm, on November 18, 1990. For 40 of her 78 years she was actively involved in collecting, selling, writing and lecturing about horticultural books. With her husband, author Keith Robertson, Elisabeth Woodburn lived, gardened and collected books in a renovated barn in Hopewell, N.J. She had served on the PHS Library Committee since 1965 and was the inspiration and guide for the library's unique Pennsylvania Collection. Betty Woodburn was one of the originators of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries and a founding member and past president of the Antiquarian Booksellers of America.

In 1989 PHS awarded Elisabeth Woodburn its Distinguished Achievement award. Of this honor she wrote to a friend afterwards, "How can you, in all conscience, accept it when you know all you have been doing all these years is having a wonderful time?" PHS and the national horticultural community will miss her unique talents, her zest and enthusiastic involvement with people and books.

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From the splendors of Kenya, the breathtaking fields of Holland and the lush piazzas of Italy, come new friends bearing hundreds of thousands of cut blossoms for an eight-day performance at the Philadelphia Flower Show, March 10-17.

Plans to have these countries come together as exhibitors in the Show's Central Feature began nearly five years ago when Jane Pepper and a group of PHS members visited the gardens of Kenya and struck up a relationship with the **Kenya Horticultural Society**. The Kenya delegation will impress even the most seasoned Flower Show visitors with their display of exotic flowers and foliage that will spring forth from the foot of "Mt. Kenya" in a spray of color and fragrance.

From the auction houses of The Netherlands comes the beauty and variety you might expect from the largest exporter of cut flowers in the world. The Dutch team, made up of the **Flower Council of Holland**, **The Netherlands FlowerBulb Information Center** and talented floral designers, will create a winding canal lined with mounds of freshly cropped cymbidiums and snapdragons, poppies and primulas, tulips and trumpet daffodils and hyacinths and heathers that are certain to do justice to those wonderful images we have of this country's blooming fields.

As an added feature, several members of the Dutch design team will demonstrate their talents by creating flower arrangements in the Holland display throughout Show week.

With a flourish of style and brilliance, **Mimma** and **Aldo Alberti**, renowned floral designers from the Liguria Region of Italy, will create massive arrangements using pastel-colored calla lilies, birds of paradise and cascades of carnations and chrysanthemums. The Albertis made their debut at last year's Show and this year, with support from the **International**

Trade Center, New York, will delight visitors with this colorful piazza setting.

Rounding out this 6,000 square foot display is **David Lutt Florist of Philadelphia** with their rendition of an American flower market. Working with an exquisite variety of roses and exotic flowers donated by **Roses, Inc.** and the **Hawaiian Anthurium Production Promotion Committee**, Lutt will produce bulging buckets and barrels of fresh cut blooms, a testimony to the enormous variety that exists in today's retail flower market.

We are particularly grateful to **AT&T** for their role in sponsoring the Italian exhibit and to **Byers' Choice, Ltd.** for the Show's entrance water feature.

READY, AIM, SNAP

The Camera Shop, Inc. will offer hands-on guidance to camera buffs at this year's Flower Show.

As you may know, photographing large displays or even a single flower in the Civic Center can be a challenging experience. The folks from the Camera Shop will help you get just the right shot by offering special demonstrations throughout Show week. The demonstrations, conducted by experts from **Minolta** and **Kodak**, will be listed in the *Flower Show Program* and announced at the Show.

The Camera Shop, Inc. will also offer for sale photographic supplies and free rental cameras in the Show's trade area and food court.

FLOWER SHOW POSTERS AND STUFFERS

Help us spread the word about the upcoming Philadelphia Flower Show, Endless Spring . . . New Days Dawning Around the World".

These colorful 8x10 posters and 4x6 stuffers will brighten up your local library, shop or employee bulletin board. To receive yours, call 625-8266 or stop by PHS and pick up a handful.



TRIBUTE TO A GRAND LADY

Katharine Hurlburt King, known for her humor, wit, courage, generosity and sharing, especially at the Philadelphia Flower Show, died in December 1990, at her home in Blue Bell, PA.

Always gracious and more often with a delightful sense of humor, Katie King set high standards for exhibitors, especially the neophyte. When Katie took you under her wing, you knew you were expected to produce. At weekly workshops and seminars that she helped conduct since 1969, it was not uncommon for a Flower Show exhibitor to hear from Katie, "I expect better from you." Ever ready to groom aspiring young participants, Katie's influences will live on in the hearts of many of the Show's exhibitors she coached over the past 35 years, including her daughter, Kathie, a consistent winner in the pressed plant division of the Show.

A long time member of the Weeders Garden Club, Katie exhibited in the Philadelphia Flower Show for 32 consecutive years, winning a host of blue ribbons and awards such as the Nancy Reid Clausen Award on four occasions; the Helen Hope Dechert Award twice and the Barbara Spaulding Cramer Medal. Katie's good will was not exclusive to the Flower Show. As a volunteer for over 40 years at Chestnut Hill Hospital, her many talents and generosity touched patients and auxiliary members alike. And, on April 9, 1991, the Garden Club of America will recognize her outstanding achievement in the field of flower arrangement education by posthumously awarding her the Katherine Thomas Cary Medal.

Rosemarie P. Vassalluzzo



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LECTURES, MEETINGS (Open to all without charge)

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Individual members receive one ticket each; family, contributing, and life members, three tickets; sponsoring members, five tickets; sustaining members, ten tickets.

Those families with more than three members living under one roof who want additional tickets for children under the age of 21 should apply in writing, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jane G. Pepper, President, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2777. Please state the names and ages of all family members and the number of additional tickets needed. No tickets will be mailed unless all of the above conditions are met.

Advance sale tickets are available now at the PHS reception desk and through Ticketmaster: \$9.75 for adults (\$10.50 at Show); \$5.25 for children under 12 (same price at Show). Ticketmaster prices will be slightly higher to accommodate handling charges.



WORKSHOP: OHARA SCHOOL, ORIENTAL FLOWER ARRANGING (Intermediate Level)

Mondays, February 4, 11, 25,
6:45-8:45 pm

Bernice Makin, master teacher in two schools of Ikebana, will reinforce the basic rules you must learn before bending, breaking, or varying patterns for free-style arranging.

Participants working toward certificates may count these classes toward master teaching certification in Ohara.

Registrants should bring clippers, low container, and a box to transport finished arrangement. All other materials will be provided.

Fee: \$50 members; \$55 guests for three sessions.

LECTURE: THE GARDENER'S WORLD OF BULBS

Wednesday, February 6, 5:45 pm

Garden designer/writer Judy Glattstein will take us beyond the familiar to a wide range of underused bulbs with creative possibilities for garden use. Glossing over daffodils and tulips, Ms. Glattstein will present an overview of hardy and tender bulbs for spring and summer gardens, and autumn-blooming treasures. The emphasis will be on how they enhance the garden; interplanting, culture, maintenance, and sources for bulbs will also be discussed.

Judy Glattstein, who has her own garden design business in Wilton, Connecticut, is currently guest editor for the revision of the BBG handbook on bulbs to be available in spring 1991.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

WORKSHOP: PERENNIAL PLEASURES - THE SUMMER FLOWER GARDEN

Thursday, February 7, 10 am-2 pm

Judy Glattstein's four-hour class on herbaceous border design will explore color and plant combinations. Discussions will include: combining plants in a border for aesthetic effect, different plant categories to be combined, seasons of bloom, value of seed head or fruit. We'll see the same plant in different situations and hone our perceptions of how color and texture behave in combination.

Ms. Glattstein is a lecturer, author, and landscape consultant from Wilton, Connecticut.

Participants should bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee: \$22 members; \$26 guests

WORKSHOP: RECTANGULAR TWILL BASKET

Wednesday, February 13, 10 am-2 pm

Snowdate: February 15, 10 am-2 pm

Your basketry collection will not be complete without a twill basket, a sturdy, durable weave of natural and dyed splint reed. Instructor Linda Tenaglia, experienced basket weaver, has chosen this rectangular basket because of its versatility and attractive design. Finished baskets will be approximately 12"L, 7"W, and 5" high - suitable for patient beginners and/or intermediate weavers.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be available.

Fee: \$35 members; \$38 guests

LECTURE: SEQUENCE OF BLOOM Thursday, February 21, 5:45-7:15 pm

Using her own garden as a backdrop, landscape designer Kath Duckett will show how to achieve a continuous sequence of bloom with a backbone of perennials interspersed with self-seeding annuals. Kath will discuss ways to create a bountiful effect with tips on careful planning, plant selection, soil preparation, and how to encourage short-lived perennials to seed.

Horticulturist Kath Duckett, designer and owner of Perennial Designs, has a beautiful garden in Doylestown, Bucks County.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by light refreshments.

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New in the Library

- ☐ *European gardens*, Virgilio Vercelloni, 1990.
- ☐ *The garden in Autumn*, Allen Lacy, 1990.
- ☐ *The gardens of Tuscany*, Ethne Clarke, 1990.
- ☐ *Making vegetables grow*, Thalassa Cruso, 1990.
- ☐ *Outdoor structures*, Nick Engler, 1990.
- ☐ *A paradise out of a common field*, Joan Morgan, 1990.
- ☐ *Perennial garden plants*, 3rd ed., Graham Stuart Thomas, 1990.
- ☐ *The rainforests*, Living Earth Foundation, 1990.
- ☐ *Sissinghurst*, Jane Brown, 1990.
- ☐ *Things I can make out of leaves*, Sabine Lohf, 1989.
- ☐ *Flower arranging*, Malcolm Hillier, 1990.
- ☐ *Flowering shrubs and small trees*, Isabel Zucker, 1990.
- ☐ *Hydroponic home food gardens*, Howard M. Resh, 1990.
- ☐ *Manual of woody landscape plants*, 4th ed., Michael Dirr, 1990.
- ☐ *Our soils*, Roy L. Donahue, 1990.
- ☐ *Private gardens*, David Stevens, 1990.
- ☐ *Private gardens of London*, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, 1990.

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_____ PHS trip to Virginia, April 1991

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THANKS TO GERTRUDE I. COATES

Gertrude I. Coates died before I had a chance to know that she had named the Society as the "residuary legatee" under her will, so this column is dedicated to her, with grateful thanks from current and future PHS members.

Gertrude's parents, John and Susan Coates, emigrated from England after the turn of the century and established Coates Greenhouses, a wholesale and retail floral operation in Upper Moreland Township. Their only daughter, Gertrude worked in the greenhouses until they were torn down to make way for an apartment complex where Gertrude later lived, simply and without Social Security, until she died at 92 in November, 1990.

Just two weeks before she had a fatal stroke, Miss Coates decided it was time to create a will. With no close relatives to follow her, she wanted to have her savings go to an organization that would, as her lawyer, Gilbert High, said, "through its work perpetuate the memory of her father".

Thank you, Gertrude Coates, for your decision. We look forward to living up to your expectations.

Jane

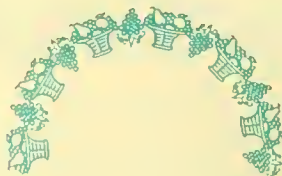
Jane G. Pepper
President

TRIPS

PHS offers two short domestic trips during Spring and Summer 1991. In late April, twenty-five members and guests will travel by bus to Virginia for four days to sample outstanding private and public gardens in Richmond, Northern Neck, and Fredericksburg areas.

In July, members will experience the wild and tame during a six-day visit to Denver and Vail in Colorado. We'll visit private and public gardens in the city and mountains plus wildflower meadows in the Rockies.

To receive your copy of the itineraries, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three.



Other Events

ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

February 7-10

The Court, King of Prussia

Sponsored by Southeastern Pennsylvania
Orchid Society

Information: (215) 635-3836

SHOW BIZ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER SHOW MEMBERS TENT

Help us greet our special guests and fellow members by offering them refreshments in the Members' Tent during the Flower Show.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on our "hospitality crew" please call Janet Evans (215) 625-8261.

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BLOOM IS ON THE ROSE THANKS TO AREA SPONSORS

The Flower Show blooms a little brighter this year thanks to several local sponsors.

The **Authorized Delaware Valley Mercedes-Benz Dealers** have, for several years, provided funds for staging the magnificent floral arrangements that greet visitors at the Show's entryway. Thanks to Mercedes' participation again this year, The **Florist Invitational** exhibits, created by sixteen local arrangers, will dazzle visitors, two at a time, each day of the Show.

Teaming up this year with **Meridian Bank**, as a partial sponsor of the Philadelphia Green display, is **Fleming Companies, Inc.** The **Philadelphia Division** of this corporation, whose stores include Shop N Bag, Thriftway, Shop & Save, Clemens and American Family Supermarkets, is aptly paired with this special exhibit that illustrates the importance of passing on one's horticultural heritage to the next generation.

The Philadelphia Green Program, through which the Society helps residents in low-income neighborhood groups bring greenery into their lives, is partially funded by revenues generated by the

Preview Dinner. Many thanks to **Corestates Trust and Investment Group** for its generous contribution which funds the Dinner decorations.

TO: MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If you are a member of RHS wondering what to do with the tickets they send you each year to the Chelsea Flower Show, please consider sending them on to PHS. Each year, several of our members call to ask if the Society has tickets for Chelsea. We do—but just a couple and they're snapped up early. If we get extra tickets we place them on file in the Library and they are always called upon by other members. If you have tickets to offer, please send them to Janet Evans, Librarian at PHS.

TRAVEL NOTES

Join us for trips sponsored by PHS this spring and summer featuring visits to private and public gardens. Virginia is our destination **April 21-24** as we move from Fredericksburg to Richmond and the Northern Neck for four days of visits to outstanding houses and gardens.

Our trip to Colorado, **July 10-16**, will include mountain meadows, private and

public gardens and nurseries from Denver to Vail. We'll explore examples of Rocky Mountain style private landscaping with grasses and native plants as well as traditional borders.

Betsy Gullan, membership coordinator, and **Jean Lenehan** of Tours a la Carte will accompany both groups.

To receive an itinerary, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT PHS—MEMBERSHIP SURVEY INSIDE

Each year PHS brings you a Flower Show and a Harvest Show, lectures and workshops, trips and tours, and access to the Society's horticultural library.

You hear from us through *Green Scene* and the *PHS News*, and now we want to hear from YOU — to hear your reactions to PHS programs and publications, and to get your thoughts on future plans for PHS.

Please help us help you make the most of your PHS membership by completing the attached survey, fold and post as indicated and **return to PHS no later than April 15.**



**1991
Philadelphia Flower Show
Philadelphia Civic Center
March 10-17**

ENDLESS SPRING

**Monday through Saturday
10 am to 9:30 pm
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All materials will be provided including a garden catalog and a perennial handbook.

Fee: \$43 members; \$49 guests

SPRING DELIGHTS: DAFFODILS, TULIPS, ETC.

Friday, April 5, 10 am-1 pm

Instructor **Priscilla Gene Shaffer** will explore the unique qualities of spring-blooming plants and those nuances in the landscape indicative of spring. Through slides, participants will become aware of the possibilities and deeper subtleties of arranging floral compositions of the season. Demonstrations, discussions, and hand-outs for conditioning, forcing, and approaches to mechanics will be included to combine artistic and practical aspects of floral design.

Participants will complete one arrangement; container, mechanics, and flowers will be supplied. Please bring pruning shears, knife, and box (at least 18"L x 12"W x 7"D) to transport complete project.

Priscilla Gene Shaffer teaches flower arranging at Temple University, Ambler, and runs Arts and Flowers, her floral design business.

Fee: \$39 members; \$42 guests

THE FLOWER ARRANGER'S GARDEN
Monday, April 8, 10 am-noon

Perennial specialist **Jane Lennon** will talk about a variety of plants important for their dual roles — as fine additions in the border and as good material for arranging. Special emphasis is on choosing plants with interesting textures and colors for arranging and borders.

Jane Lennon's horticultural background includes experience working at Hillier's in England. She currently owns and operates her own perennial nursery in Morgantown.

Fee: members \$27; guests \$30

WORKSHOP: TOPIARIES AND TRAINED PLANTS

Tuesday, April 9, 10 am-noon
Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook

Horticulturist **Charles W. Rogers, Jr.**, will conduct a workshop on topiaries and trained plants hardy for gardens in zones 6 and 7. The first part of the program will feature Meadowbrook's topiaries to show different forms and techniques for creating them.

Each participant will start a small evergreen trained plant to be used as a garden accent. Discussions include cultural and training methods, pruning techniques, shaping, and suitable containers.

Chuck Rogers is manager of Meadowbrook Farm and former curator of horticulture, Philadelphia Zoo.

Fee: \$36 members; \$39 guests

BASKETRY WORKSHOP: POTATO BASKET

Friday, April 12, 10 am-2 pm

The potato basket, suitable for intermediate weavers, is also called a gathering or field basket. A 10" hoop provides structure for the frame and handles; weavers will be natural and dyed reed and sea grass.

Instructor **Linda Tenaglia** is an experienced weaver who teaches basketry throughout the Philadelphia area.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown bag lunch.

Fee: \$32 members; \$35 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: YARD WASTE MANAGEMENT

Saturday, April 13, 10 am-noon

Jeff Ball, avid gardener and garden writer, will show how to eliminate garden waste by reducing the volume of waste produced, using mulch effectively, and learning to compost. Jeff will discuss and will demonstrate the latest techniques and technology in his "smart yard", where he researches and experiments for articles in *Practical Home Owner* magazine. Participants will see seven composting systems and five shredding machines and will learn how to handle 100% of garden waste produced on properties of one acre or less.

Jeff Ball has authored gardening books and articles, produced a gardening video series, and appears on NBC's "Today Show".

Travel directions will be mailed in late March.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: ADVANCED VEGETABLE GARDENING, SPRINGFIELD

Saturday, April 13, 1:30-3:30 pm

To encourage gardeners to get the most from their garden, **Jeff Ball** will talk about advanced vegetable gardening practices — intensive planting for maximum production, and succession planting to extend the season from early spring through late fall. Discussion topics will also include vertical gardening, installing irrigation, pest control products and techniques, new tools, latest technology, and basic soil preparation.

Jeff Ball is a gardener, author, and producer of a video series on gardening.

Travel directions will be mailed in late March.

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ARRANGING WORKSHOP:

PARALLELISM

Intermediate Level

Friday, April 19, 10 am-1 pm

An old concept recently resurrected, parallelism is a structured linear design of vertical groups. This workshop on parallelism investigates this order as it applies to flower arranging and includes techniques of banding, grouping, shadowing, pillowing, and paving.

After a slide presentation and demonstration, participants will create an arrangement that captures the profusion of a garden in bloom or construct a composition exhibiting the stark drama of restraint.

Instructor **Priscilla Gene Shaffer** teaches flower arranging and flower shop management at Temple University, Ambler, and has her own floral design business.

All materials, container, and mechanics are provided. Participants should bring pruning shears, knife, and box (at least 18"L x 12"W x 7"D) to transport completed arrangement. Program limited to 12.

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PRACTICAL GARDENING

Saturday, April 20, 10 am-noon

Eastern States Penitentiary, Fairmount

Lucky PHS members will learn practical tips and tricks on maintaining a garden from consummate gardener **Sibylle Kreutzberger**, recently retired co-head gardener at world-famous Sissinghurst. The program will be held at Philadelphia's historic Eastern State Penitentiary, where eager neighbors and staff members of PHS' Center City Green Program have joined forces to create gardens to beautify the prison site.

Discussions will include ideas for maintaining gardens that slope, practical dos and don'ts of planting, staking, deadheading, tools, interplanting, and other thoughts on extending bloom and practical design. At noon members can take a brief tour of the empty prison.

Fee: \$17 members; \$19 guests

PRUNING SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

Saturday, April 20, 10 am-noon

Chanticleer in Wayne

Horticulturist **Peter Brindle** will demonstrate basic pruning for trees, shrubs, and roses. Discussions are aimed at the homeowner who needs information about proper tools and their uses, timing, and techniques.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Program limited to 25 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

WORKSHOP: BEGINNING ARRANGING

Thursdays, April 25 and May 2, 10 am-12:30 pm

Join us for two flower arranging sessions devoted to beginners only. **Peggy Grady** will guide you through steps to create arrangements from choosing containers, mechanics, and flowers to hints on design, color, form and conditioning flowers.

Participants will complete one arrangement per session and should bring clippers and box to transport completed project.

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Members \$4____ Guests \$5____

Children \$2____

FIELD TRIP: CHESTERTOWN, MD

Members \$38____ Guests \$42____

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Fee: members \$68; guests \$72



GARDEN VISITS

Spring garden visits are among the most popular PHS activities because members can visit interesting and unusual gardens of fellow members. Gardens will be open to members on Sunday, April 28, 1-5 pm, on the Main Line; Sunday, May 19, 1-5 pm in Princeton; and Sunday, June 9, 1-5 pm from Chestnut Hill to Gwynedd.

GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE

Sunday, April 28, 1-5 pm

PHS members will enjoy a wide variety of gardens on the Main Line from Penn Valley to Villanova. We'll see a rock garden, woodland and wildflower gardens, sculpture, a large elegant estate, and several gardeners' gardens with different areas for various growing interests.

Travel directions and tags will be mailed in mid-April.

Fee: members \$4; guests \$5; children under 16: \$2

FIELD TRIP: DAY IN CHESTERTOWN, MD

Tuesday, April 30, 7:15 am-7 pm

PHS members and guests will visit two historic houses and private gardens in Chestertown, MD, a gracious town on the banks of the Chester River.

In the morning we'll visit an historic house built in 1735-71. This house contains an impressive antler-style staircase and original paneling. Our second stop will be a 17th Century dwelling that overlooks Langford Creek and stands on part of a 1674 land grant from Lord Baltimore.

After lunch at a private residence, we'll tour two private gardens still being developed on East Langford Creek. The first contains a series of gardens including small rock garden plants and shrubs, wildflowers and other native plants, and a small vegetable garden surrounded by shrubs, perennials and annuals. The second garden features a large mixed shrub and perennial border and woods planted with azaleas and other shrubs.

We'll also visit the churchyard and cemetery of St. Paul's, where we'll see interesting old trees and boxwood before departing for home around 4 pm.

Guides, **Marnie Flook** and **Nancy Hewes**, are longtime PHS members and residents of Chestertown.

Fee of \$38 for members and \$42 for guests includes round-trip transportation and refreshments on the bus, lunch, entrance fees and driver's tip.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-April with information on bus pickups at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and in Center City.

Other Events

LECTURE AND SLIDE PRESENTATION

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 pm
Visitors Center

Speaker: Russell E. Train
Topic: United Nations World Heritage Program

For information: Parks International,
(215) 527-0184

LECTURE SERIES

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm
Henry Schmeider Arboretum of Delaware Valley College

Speaker: Charles Rogers
Topic: Zoological Horticulture

Monday, March 25, 7:00 pm

Speaker: David Brenner
Topic: Deciduous Small Trees for Home Landscape

For information: (215) 345-1500

SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, March 28, 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Roberts Hall, Marshall Auditorium, Haverford College

Topic: American Residential Garden Design

For information: (215) 896-1101

LECTURE, LUNCHEON, AND TOUR
Thursday, May 16, 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Speaker: Martha Stewart
Topic: "Historic Houses in Flower"
Organized by Park House Guides,
Phila. Museum of Art
For information: 787-5449

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March, 1991

Dear PHS Member:

We invite you to join with other Pennsylvania Horticultural Society members in helping the Long Range Planning Committee establish goals for the Society's development during the 1990s.

The past few years have been exciting ones as we've endeavored to live up to the expectations of members of the last Planning Committee, whose plan was approved by Council in 1985.

Among these goals were the continued development of our neighborhood community greening projects, under the Philadelphia Green banner, and the development of a new program, Center City Green, aimed at encouraging the development of attractive green spaces in downtown Philadelphia and at City gateways. The restoration of Fairmount Park's four-acre Azalea Garden, the plantings at the Eastern State Penitentiary and on the 26th Street Gateway are three examples of our Center City Green projects.

Other important goals included in the 1985 plan were to keep the Philadelphia Flower Show as the preeminent Flower Show in the country and to expand its horizons to include exhibitors from abroad.

For our 8,000 members, the Planning Committee suggested that in addition to offering tickets to our Shows and mailing privileges with our library, we should also continue to offer as diversified a program as possible, including lectures, workshops and travel opportunities, geared to not only the expert horticulturist, but also to the new gardener.

Recognizing that our headquarters limits the number of members we can comfortably accommodate for activities, Planning Committee members also suggested we seek to reach additional audiences by expanding the readership of our bi-monthly magazine *Green Scene* and by making our library accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

Only you can judge how successful we've been in meeting these goals and we hope you'll let us know on the attached survey. Your answers to other questions will help the Planning Committee determine an ambitious course for the next decade.

Yours sincerely,

Jane G. Pepper
President

PHS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) wants to know how you, as a member, view the services it provides. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions so that we may continue to serve you to our best ability.

Please check as many items as are appropriate except where otherwise indicated.

1. Why did you become a PHS member?

- ☐ Flower and Harvest Show ticket
- ☐ *Green Scene* magazine
- ☐ activities for members
- ☐ library privileges
- ☐ horticultural knowledge
- ☐ association with other gardeners
- ☐ to support outreach/community programs
- ☐ Other

2. How old are you?

- ☐ under 20
- ☐ 20-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ over 69

3. What best describes your neighborhood location?

- ☐ Philadelphia
- ☐ Northwest suburbs
- ☐ Northeast suburbs
- ☐ Southwest suburbs
- ☐ Other

4. How long have you been a member of PHS?

- ☐ 1-3 years
- ☐ 3-5 years
- ☐ 5-10 years
- ☐ 10 years or longer

5. Describe your PHS membership activity over the past year on a scale of 1 - 5; 1 being not active (not participating in any PHS activities), 5 being very active (participating in many PHS activities). Circle one.

1 2 3 4 5

6. How do you currently use your PHS membership?

Activity

- ☐ Philadelphia Flower Show
- ☐ attending classes/lectures
- ☐ Harvest Show
- ☐ visiting gardens
- ☐ volunteer activity
- ☐ fundraising event(s)
- ☐ library use
- ☐ read *Green Scene*
- ☐ participate in Philadelphia Green activities such as judging City Gardens Contest
- ☐ participate in Center City Green activities
- ☐ other

7. What would make you more active in PHS activities?

- ☐ more horticultural education programs
- ☐ programs that took place closer to home
- ☐ more/better communications about upcoming events
- ☐ more garden tours

8. When is it most convenient for you to attend members' programs?

☐ weekdays (10 am)
☐ in the evening (5:45 pm)
☐ weekends
☐ lunchtime

9. Are you familiar with Philadelphia Green's community gardening activities in the City?

☐ Yes
☐ No

10. Have you ever visited a community garden in the City?

☐ Yes
☐ No

11. Are you aware of Center City Green's:

a) restoration of the Azalea Garden

☐ Yes ☐ No

b) plantings on 26th Street between the Penrose Avenue Bridge and the Schuylkill Expressway

☐ Yes ☐ No

c) plantings at Eastern State Penitentiary

☐ Yes ☐ No

12. Are you pleased with the following publications?

Green Scene

☐ extremely satisfied
☐ very satisfied
☐ somewhat satisfied
☐ not satisfied

Please add any other comments: _____

PHS News

☐ extremely satisfied
☐ very satisfied
☐ somewhat satisfied
☐ not satisfied

Please add any other comments: _____

13. What do you believe PHS's priorities should be over the next ten years? Please rate in order of importance to you, with one (1) being the most important, and (10) being least important to you.

☐ Horticultural workshops/lectures
☐ Garden Visits and tours
☐ Philadelphia Flower Show
☐ Center City horticultural projects
☐ *Green Scene*
☐ Philadelphia Green community gardening /neighborhood improvement projects
☐ Environmental awareness through horticulture
☐ Harvest Show
☐ *PHS News*
☐ other

Thank you for your assistance and continued support of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. If you have any additional comments concerning the Society or its programs, please include these with your completed survey.

Additional comments: _____

Name (optional)

Thank you

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NURTURING OUR OWN GREEN ARBOR

PHS's Philadelphia Green Program will provide a forum for environmental discussions, enlightenment, and action this month at several events to be held throughout the City.

On Friday **April 26 from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm**, Philadelphia Green, along with nine other environmental action groups, will share information with visitors in Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square, 19th Street between Walnut and Locust Sts. The event will feature ceremonial tree planting, informational booths, speakers, entertainment and an apple seed giveaway.

To nurture the greening spirit in children, **Mindy Maslin**, PHS's tree education coordinator, will conduct a citywide assembly program with more than ten Philadelphia schools. The assembly will be followed by an Arbor Day card-marking contest, tree plantings and awards ceremonies to be held on **April 26th**.

And, the **Philadelphia Zoo**, a veritable oasis of horticultural treasures, will be the stage for a day long series of activities on **Sunday, April 28**, such as seedling giveaways, and planting demonstrations at the Zoo's Penn's Woods Park. All Zoo events will be led by members of the **Fairmount Park Ranger's Corps**.

For more information on these activities please call Mindy Maslin at (215) 625-8280.

Other Events

MEDIA FLOWER SHOW
April 17, 12:30-9:30 pm
April 18, 9 am-3 pm
First United Methodist Church
For information: (215) 565-6795

**FORUM ON HERBICIDES AND
PESTICIDES**
April 18, 8 pm
Lower Merion High School Auditorium
Speaker: Nancy S. Bechtol, Maryland
Capital Park and Planning Commission
For information: (215) 649-4000

ANNUAL HERB AND PERENNIAL SALE
Sponsored by the Haddonfield Garden Club
April 25, 10 am-4 pm
Haddonfield Historical Society
For information: (609) 428-2652

ROSE PLANT AUCTION
April 26
Wilmington Garden Center
Reservations: (302) 658-1913

PLANT SALE
April 26-28, Rain or Shine
Hill-Physick-Keith House
For information: (215) 925-7866

ANNUAL PLANT SALE
Sponsored by Providence Garden Club
May 4, 9 am-2 pm
Tyler Arboretum
For information: (215) 566-9360

PENNSBURY MANOR HERB SALE
May 4, 10 am-5 pm
Pennsbury Manor
For information: (215) 946-0400

ANNUAL HERB SALE
Sponsored by the Herb Society of America - Philadelphia Unit
May 9, 10 am-2 pm, Rain or Shine
Bryce Douglas Farm
For information: (215) 664-2734

FAIRMOUNT PARK GARDEN FESTIVAL
Sponsored by Junior League of Philadelphia, Inc.
May 17-19, Rain or Shine
Horticulture Center, Fairmount Park
To Pre-order call: (215) 879-4062
For information: (215) 923-6777

**NATIONAL WINDOWSILL
GARDENING CONTEST**
Deadline for entries: May 31, 1991
For information: (312) 661-1700

WESTWARD, HO!

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will travel to Colorado to visit the best of both worlds — wildflowers in mountain meadows and interesting private and public gardens. We'll spend three nights in Denver and an equal number in Vail with opportunities to see breathtaking mountain scenery interspersed with traditional and western mountain garden landscapes.

We hope you will join us July 10-16. **Betsy Gullan**, PHS Membership coordinator, and **Jean Lenehan** of Tours a la Carte will accompany the group.

To receive your copy of the itinerary, please check the box on the reservation form, page three.



Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS

(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, April 15, 7 pm

Monday, May 20, 7 pm



SPRING DELIGHTS: DAFFODILS, TULIPS, ETC.

Friday, April 5, 10 am-1 pm

Instructor **Priscilla Gene Shaffer** will explore the unique qualities of spring-blooming plants and those nuances in the landscape indicative of spring. Through slides, participants will become aware of the possibilities and deeper subtleties of arranging floral compositions of the season. Demonstrations, discussions, and hand-outs for conditioning, forcing, and approaches to mechanics will be included to combine artistic and practical aspects of floral designing.

Participants will complete one arrangement; container, mechanics, and flowers will be supplied. Please bring pruning shears, knife, and box (at least 18"L x 12"W x 7"D) to transport completed project.

Priscilla Gene Shaffer teaches flower arranging at Temple University, Ambler, and runs Arts and Flowers, her floral design business.

Fee: \$39 members; \$42 guests

THE FLOWER ARRANGER'S GARDEN

Monday, April 8, 10 am-noon

Perennial specialist **Jane Lennon** will talk about a variety of plants important for their dual roles — as fine additions in the border and as good material for arranging. Special emphasis is on choosing plants with interesting textures and colors for arranging and borders.

Jane Lennon's horticultural background includes experience working at Hillier's in England. She currently owns and operates her own perennial nursery in Morgantown.

Fee: members \$27; guests \$30

WORKSHOP: TOPIARIES AND TRAINED PLANTS

Tuesday, April 9, 10 am-noon

Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook

Horticulturist **Charles W. Rogers, Jr.**, will conduct a workshop on topiaries and

trained plants hardy for gardens in zones 6 and 7. The first part of the program will feature Meadowbrook's topiaries to show different forms and techniques for creating them.

Each participant will start a small evergreen trained plant to be used as a garden accent. Discussions include cultural and training methods, pruning techniques, shaping, and suitable containers.

Chuck Rogers is manager of Meadowbrook Farm and former curator of horticulture, Philadelphia Zoo.

Fee: \$36 members; \$39 guests

BASKETRY WORKSHOP: POTATO BASKET

Friday, April 12, 10 am-2 pm

The potato basket, suitable for intermediate weavers, is also called a gathering or field basket. A 10" hoop provides structure for the frame and handles; weavers will be natural and dyed reed and sea grass.

Instructor **Linda Tenaglia** is an experienced weaver who teaches basketry throughout the Philadelphia area.

Participants should bring a bucket, straight-edged ruler, scissors or clippers, one dozen spring-type clothespins, and a brown bag lunch.

Fee: \$32 members; \$35 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: YARD WASTE MANAGEMENT

Saturday, April 13, 10 am-noon

Jeff Ball, avid gardener and garden writer, will show how to eliminate garden waste by reducing the volume of waste produced, using mulch effectively, and learning to compost. Jeff will discuss and will demonstrate the latest techniques and technology in his "smart yard", where he researches and experiments for articles in *Practical Home Owner* magazine. Participants will see seven composting systems and five shredding machines and will learn how to handle 100% of garden waste produced on properties of one acre or less.

Jeff Ball has authored gardening books and articles, produced a gardening video series, and appears on NBC's "Today Show".

Travel directions will be mailed in late March.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: ADVANCED VEGETABLE GARDENING, SPRINGFIELD

Saturday, April 13, 1:30-3:30 pm

To encourage gardeners to get the most from their garden, **Jeff Ball** will talk about advanced vegetable gardening practices — intensive planting for maximum production, and succession planting to extend the season from early spring through late fall. Discussion topics will also include vertical gardening, installing irrigation, pest control products and techniques, new tools, latest technology, and basic soil preparation.

Jeff Ball is a gardener, author, and producer of a video series on gardening.

Travel directions will be mailed in late March.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

ARRANGING WORKSHOP: PARALLELISM

Intermediate Level

Friday, April 19, 10 am-1 pm

An old concept recently resurrected, parallelism is a structured linear design of vertical groups. This workshop on parallelism investigates this order as it applies to flower arranging and includes techniques of banding, grouping, shadowing, pillowing, and paving.

After a slide presentation and demonstration, participants will create an arrangement that captures the profusion of a garden in bloom or construct a composition exhibiting the stark drama of restraint.

Instructor **Priscilla Gene Shaffer** teaches flower arranging and flower shop management at Temple University, Ambler, and has her own floral design business.

All materials, container, and mechanics are provided. Participants should bring pruning shears, knife, and box (at least 18"L x 12"W x 7"D) to transport completed arrangement. Program limited to 12.

Fee: \$39 members; \$42 guests

PRACTICAL GARDENING

Saturday, April 20, 10 am-noon

Eastern States Penitentiary, Fairmount

Lucky PHS members will learn practical tips and tricks on maintaining a garden from consummate gardener

Reservations

Clip and mail reservations to:

PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the PHS News.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

SPRING DELIGHTS:

DAFFODILS, TULIPS

Members \$39____ Guests \$42____

THE FLOWER ARRANGER'S GARDEN

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Members \$39____ Guests \$42____

PRACTICAL GARDENING

Members \$17____ Guests \$19____

PRUNING SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

Members \$15____ Guests \$17____

WORKSHOP: BEGINNING ARRANGING

Members \$68____ Guests \$72____

GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE

Members \$4____ Guests \$5____
Children \$2____

FIELD TRIP: DAY IN CHESTERTOWN, MD

Members \$38____ Guests \$42____

Pick-up: Hort. Center____ CC____

☐ Please send itinerary for the Colorado trip.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE: home _____

work _____

FIELD TRIP: BARNES ARBORETUM

Members \$13____ Guests \$16____

FIELD TRIP: MT. CUBA AND WINTERTHUR

Members \$37____ Guests \$40____

Pickup: Hort. Center____ CC____

AT-HOME SERIES: ARRANGING FROM YOUR SPRING GARDEN

Members \$15____ Guests \$17____

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENING IN THE SHADE

Members \$8____

Fri, 5/10 at 10 am____

Sat, 5/11 at 10 am____ 11 am____

HORTICULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY: COMPOSITION AND LIGHTING

Members \$48____

FIELD TRIP: HILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, DC

Members \$50____ Guests \$54____

Pickup: Hort. Center____ CC____

PERENNIALS FOR SPRING

Members \$16____ Guests \$18____

GARDEN VISITS: PRINCETON

Members \$4____ Guests \$5____

Children \$2____

LECTURE: GARDENS OF PHILADELPHIA

Members \$7.50____ Guests \$9____

FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS

Members \$16____ Guests \$18____

Sibylle Kreutzberger, recently retired co-head gardener at world-famous Sissinghurst. The program will be held at Philadelphia's historic Eastern State Penitentiary, where eager neighbors and staff members of PHS' Center City Green Program have joined forces to create gardens to beautify the prison site.

Discussions will include ideas for maintaining gardens that slope, practical dos and don'ts of planting, staking, deadheading, tools, interplanting, and other thoughts on extending bloom and practical design. At noon members can take a brief tour of the empty prison.

Fee: \$17 members; \$19 guests

PRUNING SMALL TREES AND SHRUBS

Saturday, April 20, 10 am-noon
Chanticleer in Wayne

Horticulturist **Peter Brindle** will demonstrate basic pruning for trees, shrubs, and roses. Discussions are aimed at the homeowner who needs information about proper tools and their uses, timing, and techniques.

Travel directions will be mailed in early April. Program limited to 25 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

WORKSHOP: BEGINNING ARRANGING

Thursdays, April 25 and May 2,
10 am-12:30 pm

Join us for two flower arranging sessions devoted to beginners only. **Peggy Grady** will guide you through steps to create arrangements from choosing containers, mechanics, and flowers to hints on design, color, form and conditioning flowers.

Participants will complete one arrangement per session and should bring clippers and box to transport completed project.

Horticulturist **Peggy Grady** is assistant librarian at PHS and has experience managing her own floral design business.

Fee: \$68members; \$72guests

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GARDEN VISITS: MAIN LINE
Sunday, April 28, 1-5 pm

PHS members will enjoy a wide variety of gardens on the Main Line from Penn Valley to Villanova. We'll see a rock garden, woodland and wildflower gardens, sculpture, a large elegant estate, and several gardeners' gardens with different areas for various growing interests.

Travel directions and tags will be mailed in mid-April.

Fee: members \$4; guests \$5; children under 16: \$2

FIELD TRIP: DAY IN CHESTERTOWN, MD
Tuesday, April 30, 7:15 am-7 pm

PHS members and guests will visit two historic houses and private gardens in Chestertown, MD, a gracious town on the banks of the Chester River.

In the morning we'll visit an historic house built in 1735-71. This house contains an impressive antler-style staircase and original paneling. Our second stop will be a 17th Century dwelling that overlooks Langford Creek and stands on part of a 1674 land grant from Lord Baltimore.

After lunch at a private residence, we'll tour two private gardens still being developed on East Langford Creek. The first contains a series of gardens including small rock garden plants and shrubs, wildflowers and other native plants, and a small vegetable garden surrounded by shrubs, perennials and annuals. The second garden features a large mixed shrub and perennial border and woods planted with azaleas and other shrubs.

We'll also visit the churchyard and cemetery of St. Paul's, where we'll see interesting old trees and boxwood before departing for home around 4 pm.

Guides, **Marnie Flook** and **Nancy Hewes**, are longtime PHS members and residents of Chestertown.

Fee of \$38 for members and \$42 for guests includes round-trip transportation and refreshments on the bus, lunch, entrance fees and driver's tip.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-April with information on bus pickups at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park and in Center City.

BARNES ARBORETUM
Friday, May 3, 10 am-1 pm

PHS trips to the Barnes Foundation are always among the most popular each

year. The Arboretum, situated on 12 acres in Merion, PA, has a notable collection of the best woody ornamentals for this zone.

A guide will lead twenty-five PHS members and guests through the garden where the seasonal attractions include spring flowers, trees and shrubs.

Participants should bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Travel instructions will be mailed to participants in late April.

Fee: \$13 members; \$16 guests

MT. CUBA CENTER AND WINTERTHUR
Wednesday, May 8, 8 am-6 pm

Thirty PHS members and guests will tour Mt. Cuba Center, Greenville, Delaware, the private estate and home of Mrs. Lamont duPont Copeland. Knowledgeable guides will lead us through the wildflower garden areas and naturalistic plantings as pictured in *The American Women's Garden*. Over 100 kinds of wildflowers bloom in the spring along with native rhododendrons, mountain laurel, and fothergillas.

After lunch on our own at Winterthur, Deputy Director of Gardens **Tom Buchter** and **John Feliciani**, Director of Gardens Operations, will lead us through an exquisite display of thousands of azaleas, rhododendrons, and wildflowers.

Fee of \$37 for members and \$40 for guests includes round-trip transportation, guide fees and return-trip refreshments. Lunch is not included. Directions for meeting the bus at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park or in Center City will be mailed in late April.

AT-HOME SERIES:
ARRANGING FROM YOUR SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, May 9, 10 am-noon
Lafayette Hill

Audrey Nichols, accomplished arranger and frequent winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, encourages arrangers to make the most of what they have in their own gardens by arranging spring flowers, foliage, and flowering branches. Demonstrations and discussion topics will include appropriate containers, conditioning, and color with suggestions for creating dramatic arrangements with fewer blooms.

Travel directions will be mailed in late April. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: GARDENING IN THE SHADE

Friday, May 10, 10 am

Saturday, May 11, 10 am or 11 am
New Hope, PA

David Benner's two acre garden in New Hope features mosses that are used as an alternative to grass in this shady garden and a wildflower woodland that becomes a sea of color in early May.

David Benner has recently retired as assistant professor in ornamental horticulture at Delaware Valley College. His garden has been featured in magazines, *Architectural Digest's 1984 Gardens* and *Ogden Tanner's Gardening America*.

Because of restricted walking space, eight members can tour the garden at one time. **Please indicate which tour you prefer on the reservation form.**

Travel directions will be mailed in late April. Participants must provide own transportation; car pooling is recommended.

Fee: \$8 members

HORTICULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY: COMPOSITION AND LIGHTING
(2 sessions)

Tuesday, May 14, 2:30-5:30 pm
Tuesday, May 28, 11 am-1:30 pm
Meadowbrook

Enthusiastic experienced photographers are invited to join professional photographer **Walter Chandoha** for two sessions devoted to composition and lighting, the difference between outstanding and ordinary horticultural photography.

The emphasis will be on using light effectively and altering composition with various lenses. Demonstration and discussion topics will include sunlight vs. shade, back light vs. front light, background selection, depth of field, and selective focus.

The first will be a hands-on seminar at Meadowbrook Farm; the second class will be a discussion/critique session at PHS. Participants will be asked to shoot pictures during the two weeks between sessions.

Basic camera functions will not be taught. The aim will be to refine technique and selection. Limited to 12 members.

Travel directions will be mailed in late April. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$48 members

(continued on page six)

*The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's
Friends of the Azalea Garden*

request the pleasure of your company at

A Garden Party

Wednesday, May 8, 1991 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

rain or shine

at the

Azalea Garden

Kelly Drive at Fairmount Avenue

Friends of the Azalea Garden, Co-Chairs

Jean and Jim Bodine; Cynthia and Morris Cheston; Patricia McLaughlin

cocktails and hors d'oeuvres Westminster Brass hats and garden party attire R S V P



Spring, summer and fall, the Azalea Garden is a favorite spot for Philadelphians and city visitors. Last year the Society completed an ambitious renovation program for this 4-acre Garden and now we need your help to keep it looking beautiful.

Don your party hat and come celebrate with us on May 8th. Alternatively, we welcome contributions to the Azalea Garden Maintenance Fund at any time of year.

If you're interested in donating a tree to honor a friend or family member for a special occasion, please call Kate Swartz at 625-8280.



Azalea Garden Party Reservations

Name _____

No. of reservations _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Donation to Azalea Garden

Maintenance Fund \$ _____

Patrons \$75 per person

Jr. Patrons (under 35 yrs. of age) \$35
per person

Benefactors \$125 per person

Confirmations will be mailed.

Telephone _____

Please return this Reservation Form and your check made payable to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to: Azalea Garden, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-2777

ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FIELD TRIP: HILLWOOD WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, May 16, 7 am-7 pm

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will spend the day at Hillwood, former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinet-makers, silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th-century French furniture.

At 11 am Horticulturist **Bill Johnson** will show us the grounds and plantings before lunch at the Hillwood Cafe. At 1:30 we'll have a tour of the house/museum with departure for Philadelphia at 4 pm.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, entrance and guide fees, and lunch.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in late April.

Fee: \$50 members; \$54 guests

PERENNIALS FOR SPRING

Chanticleer, Wayne

Saturday, May 18, 10 am-noon

Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will conduct a program on spring-flowering perennials. Using the gardens at Chanticleer as backdrop, Roper will discuss appropriate varieties, individual culture, propagation, timing, interplanting perennials with bulbs, trees, and shrubs, designing with perennials, and effectively combining them with other elements in the garden.

Program limited to 25. Travel directions will be mailed in mid-May.

Fee: \$16 members; \$18 guests

GARDEN VISITS: PRINCETON

Sunday, May 19, 1-5 pm

Seven private gardens include a gem of a town garden, an elegant green garden, a garden in which ingenuity and careful record keeping have enabled the owners to succeed with seeds and plants from unusual sources, and an estate with a formal garden, lawns, trees and perennial borders. Also on our tour is a lovely school landscape where Olmsted designed part of the campus.

Travel directions and tags will be mailed in early May.

Fee: \$4 members; \$5 guests; \$2 children under 16.

LECTURE: PHILADELPHIA - AMERICA'S GARDEN CAPITOL

Thursday, May 23, 7-8:30 pm

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New in the Library

☐ *Beds and borders*, Wendy B. Murphy, 1990.

☐ *Bold romantic gardens*, Oehme and van Sweden with Susan Rademacher Frey, 1990.

☐ *Chinese gardens*, Isao Yoshikawa, 1990.

☐ *French garden style*, Georges Leveque, 1990.

☐ *The gardens of Europe*, Penelope Hobhouse, 1990.

☐ *The gardens of Southern California*, Helaine Kaplan Prentice, 1990.

☐ *Inspired flower arrangements*, Toshiro Kawase, 1990.

☐ *Labyrinth*, Adrain Fisher, 1990.

☐ *Making a white garden*, Joan Clifton, 1990.

☐ *A Reunion of trees*, Stephen Sponberg, 1990.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When returning book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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BLOOMING BEYOND TOMORROW

Explore today's pressing environmental issues and some possible solutions through the eyes of children at the 1991 Junior Flower Show.

Scarecrows and garden ornaments made from recycled materials share the stage with contrived flowers and vegetable prints.

Any child pre-school through 12th grade is eligible to enter the Show which will be held **Thursday, May 16** and **Friday, May 17** from 9:30 am-5 pm and **Saturday, May 18** from 10 am-12:30 pm: please call Anne Vallery, Show manager, at 625-8280 for a schedule. **Entries will be accepted on Tuesday, May 14 from 11 am-5 pm.**

Visitors to the Show will view more than 1,000 entries in artistic and horticultural categories as well as dozens of special exhibits by local school groups. And, youngsters will participate in a take home plant-a-plug activity.

The Junior Flower Show will be held at the First Bank of the United States, Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia.

No admission charge.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED — JUDGES FOR THE CITY GARDENS CONTEST

We're looking for a few good gardeners to judge in the 1991 City Gardens Contest. No experience necessary. We're happy to provide training. Duties include visiting six to eight gardens on a day convenient for you. Immediate openings for candidates available June 29th through July 20th. Love of horticulture, garden lore and travel—a plus. Benefits include great scents, wonderful sights, and a wheelbarrow full of inspiration. To sign up, please call Flossie Narducci at (215) 625-8280.

Other Events

GARDEN BAZAAR

Sponsored by the Auxiliary of Pennsylvania Hospital
May 9, 10 am-3 pm, Rain or shine
Elm Garden Courtyard, 8th St. between Spruce & Pine
For information: (215) 732-8684

ANNUAL HERB SALE

Sponsored by the Swarthmore Garden Club
May 11, 10 am-2 pm
Swarthmore Boro Hall, Swarthmore, PA
For information: (215) 543-3932

ANNUAL GARDEN DAY

Sponsored by the Associates of the Scott Arboretum
May 12, 1 pm-5 pm
Self-guided tour of six gardens in the Swarthmore-Media area
For tickets and information: (215) 328-8025

SPRING PLANT SALE

Sponsored by the Wilmington Garden Center
May 17, 10 am-5 pm
Wilmington Trust Center on Rodney Square North
For information: (302) 658-1913

ANNUAL HERB SALE

Sponsored by The Tamanend Park Herb Gardening Club
May 18, 19, 9 am-5 pm, Rain or shine
Park Farmhouse, 1255 Second St. Pike, Southampton, PA
For information: (215) 355-9781

KAHN PARK JAZZ BRUNCH

Sponsored by the Friends of Louis I. Kahn Park & Esther I. Kahn
May 19, 11:30 am-2:30 pm
The Great Court of Pennsylvania Hospital, Garden Entrance, 8th & Pine Streets
For information: (215) 546-6460

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA GARDEN TOUR OF PRIVATE GARDENS IN THE CHESTNUT HILL & MT. AIRY AREA

Sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Arthritis Research Program & Morris Arboretum
June 2, 12:30-5 pm
For information: (215) 247-5777, (215) 662-2792

SECRET GARDENS OF UNIVERSITY CITY TOUR OF THE VICTORIAN MANSION DISTRICT OF POWELTON VILLAGE

Sponsored by the Friends of Clark Park, Powelton Playground, & The Spruce Hill Garden Club
June 16, 12-4 pm, Rain date, June 23, 12-4 pm
For information: (215) 387-3057

ANNUAL HERBAL DELIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Heartland Unit of the Herb Society of America
June 24 & 25
Albright College, Reading, PA
For information: (215) 921-7514

COLORADO ADVENTURE

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will travel to Colorado to visit the best of both worlds — wildflowers in mountain meadows and interesting private and public gardens. We'll spend three nights in Denver and an equal number in Vail with opportunities to see breathtaking mountain scenery interspersed with traditional and western mountain garden landscapes.

We hope you will join us July 10-16. **Betsy Gullan**, PHS Membership coordinator, and **Jean Lenehan** of Tours a la Carte will accompany the group.

To receive your copy of the itinerary, please check the box on the reservation form, page three.

Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS (Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY

Monday, May 20, 7 pm

Monday, June 17, 7 pm



AT-HOME SERIES: ARRANGING FROM YOUR SPRING GARDEN

Thursday, May 9, 10 am-noon
Lafayette Hill

Audrey Nichols, frequent winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, encourages flower lovers to make the most of what they have in their own gardens by arranging spring flowers, foliage, and flowering branches. Demonstrations and discussion topics will include appropriate containers, conditioning, and color with suggestions for creating dramatic arrangements with fewer blooms.

Travel directions will be mailed in late April. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

HORTICULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY: COMPOSITION AND LIGHTING

(2 sessions)

Tuesday, May 14, 2:30-5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 28, 11 am-1:30 pm

Meadowbrook and PHS

Enthusiastic experienced photographers are invited to join professional photographer **Walter Chandoha** for two sessions devoted to composition and lighting, the difference between outstanding and ordinary horticultural photography.

The emphasis will be on using light effectively and altering composition with various lenses. Demonstration and discussion topics will include sunlight vs. shade, back light vs. front light, background selection, depth of field, and selective focus.

The first will be a hands-on seminar at Meadowbrook Farm; the second class will be a discussion/critique session at PHS. Participants will be asked to shoot pictures during the two weeks between sessions.

Basic camera functions will not be taught. The aim will be to refine technique and selection. Limited to 12 members.

Travel directions will be mailed in late April. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$48 members

FIELD TRIP: HILLWOOD WASHINGTON, D.C.

Thursday, May 16, 7 am-7 pm

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will spend the day at Hillwood, former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinet-makers, silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th-century French furniture.

At 11 am Horticulturist **Bill Johnson** will show us the grounds and plantings before lunch at the Hillwood Cafe. At 1:30 we'll have a tour of the house/museum with departure for Philadelphia at 4 pm.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, entrance and guide fees, and lunch.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in late April.

Fee: \$50 members; \$54 guests

PERENNIALS FOR SPRING

Chanticleer, Wayne

Saturday, May 18, 10 am-noon

Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will conduct a program on spring-flowering perennials. Using the gardens at Chanticleer as backdrop, Roper will discuss appropriate varieties, individual culture, propagation, timing, interplanting perennials with bulbs, trees, and shrubs, designing with perennials, and effectively combining them with other elements in the garden.

Program limited to 25. Travel directions will be mailed in mid-May.

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GARDEN VISITS

Spring garden visits are among the most popular PHS activities because members can visit interesting and unusual gardens of fellow members. Gardens will be open to members on Sunday, **May 19**, 1-5 pm in Princeton area; and Sunday, **June 9**, 10-5 pm, from Chestnut Hill to Gwynedd.

After we receive your reservations by mail, we will send tags, maps, garden descriptions, and travel instructions.

GARDEN VISITS: PRINCETON

Sunday, May 19, 1-5 pm

Seven private gardens include a gem of a town garden, an elegant green garden, a garden in which ingenuity and careful record keeping have enabled the owners to succeed with seeds and plants from unusual sources, and an estate with a formal garden, lawns, trees and perennial borders. Also on our tour is a lovely school landscape where Olmsted designed part of the campus.

Travel directions and tags will be mailed in early May.

Fee: \$4 members; \$5 guests; \$2 children under 16.

Reservations

Clip and mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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Members \$7.50____ Guests \$9____

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GARDEN VISITS: PRINCETON

Members \$4____ Guests \$5____

Children \$2

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTNUT HILL - GWYNEDD

Members \$4____ Guests \$5____

Children \$2____

SHADE GARDENING

Members \$15____ Guests \$18____

ROSES

Members \$15____ Guests 18____

EXTENDING BLOOM INTO FALL

Members \$16____ Guests \$18____

PRESSED FLOWER WORKSHOP

Members \$18____ Guests \$20____

LONGVIEW FARM

Members \$16____ Guests \$18____

ARRANGING FROM SUMMER GARDEN

Members \$16____ Guests \$18____

FIELD TRIP: UNIONVILLE

Members \$33____ Guests \$36____

Pickup: HC____ CC____

Longwood____

HEDGELEIGH SPRING

Members \$12____

FIELD TRIP: HILLWOOD AND DUMBARTON OAKS

Members \$59____ Guests \$63____

Pickup: CC____ HC____

FIELD TRIP: PINE BARRENS

Members \$39____ Guests \$42____

FIELD TRIP: YORK COUNTY

Members \$36____ Guests \$40____

FIELD TRIP: WAVE HILL

Members \$45____ Guests \$49____

Pickup: CC____ HC____

GARDEN TOUR:

MEADOWBROOK FARM

Members \$15____ Guests \$20____

PERENNIALS FOR SUMMER

Members \$15____ Guests \$18____

KATH DUCKETT'S GARDEN

Members \$15____

PEST AND DISEASES

Members \$15____ Guests \$18____

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTNUT HILL TO GWYNEDD

Sunday, June 9, 1-5 pm

Seven gardens open to PHS members include a little gem of a city backyard, one with old boxwood and elegant architectural features, a walled garden with colorful English-style flower borders, climbing roses, and clematis. Lovely country properties offer perennials, roses, plantings around picturesque old barns and outbuildings, terraces, pools, a stream, and waterfall.

Garden descriptions, travel directions, and tags will be mailed in late May.

Fee: \$4 members; \$5 guests; \$2 children under 16

SHADE GARDENING

Saturday, June 1, 10 am-noon

At Chanticleer in Wayne

Join horticulturist **Lisa Roper** in a discussion on gardening in the shade. Lisa will explore growing woody and herbaceous plants in varying degrees of light and will discuss care, maintenance, and propagation with suggestions for plant selection and dynamic planting combinations.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-May. Program limited to 25.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

ROSES

Saturday, June 1, 10 am-noon

At Chanticleer in Wayne, PA

Horticulturist **Ann Lighty** will demonstrate and discuss the care and culture of roses. Discussion topics will include feeding, pests and diseases, pruning, and winter protection.

Travel instructions to Chanticleer, a private estate in Wayne, PA, will be mailed to participants in mid-May. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

EXTENDING BLOOM INTO FALL Malvern, PA

Monday, June 3, 10 am-noon

Join us as we poke around in the perennial garden of the People's Light and Theater Company in Malvern with

☐ Please send itinerary for the Colorado trip.

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Activities Section Editor: Elizabeth G. Gullan

Jane Lennon, perennial specialist who runs her own nursery in Morgantown.

This program will focus on extending perennial bloom throughout the summer through sound maintenance. Jane will share tips on how to ensure bloom into fall by dead-heading, cutting back, staking, and supplementing existing plants.

Travel directions will be mailed in late May.

Fee: \$16 members; \$18 guests

WORKSHOP: PRESSED PLANTS **Tuesday, June 4, 10 am-noon**

This frequently requested workshop on using pressed plants for decorative items and gifts will be a hands-on session directed by **Barbara Keenan** and **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo**, Philadelphia Flower Show pressed plant design class advisor and chair. They will teach techniques for pressing plants, glueing, arranging, and finishing.

Each participant will complete a decorative door push plate. All materials will be supplied, including pressed flowers from the gardens of Barbara and Rosemarie.

Program limited to 15.

Fee: \$18 members; \$20 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: LONGVIEW FARM **Friday, June 7, 10 am-noon**

Joanna Reed has lived and gardened at Longview Farm in Malvern for fifty years, creating and maintaining lovely country gardens bursting with perennials and herbs. Joanna will lead us through her woodlands and celebrated gardens as described in *The American Woman's Garden*.

Participants may bring a brown bag lunch; beverages will be provided.

Participants must provide own transportation; travel directions will be mailed in late May. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$16 members; \$19 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: ARRANGING FROM YOUR SUMMER GARDEN **Monday, June 10, 10 am-noon** **Lafayette Hill**

Don't even think about purchasing flowers for a summer arrangement for your home until you've explored the offerings from your own garden and nearby roadsides. **Audrey Nichols** accomplished arranger and gardener, will emphasize how to make the most of what you have. Through demonstration and discussion, Audrey will explore mixing annuals with perennials for

abundance in the garden and your arrangements, cutting, proper timing and conditioning.

Travel directions will be mailed in early June. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

FIELD TRIP: PRIVATE GARDENS NEAR UNIONVILLE

Monday, June 10, 8:00 am-5:30 pm

PHS members and guests will travel by bus to Unionville to visit **Sir John Thouron's Doe Run**. These large estate gardens range from elegant double herbaceous borders to island beds, an alpine garden, and a meadow garden. There is even an idea flower garden for people who garden in limited space.

After lunch we will visit two more fine private gardens nearby. We'll explore a country estate with lovely terraces, greenhouses with unusual specimen plants, and extraordinary container plantings, and another garden near the serpentine barrens in West Chester that features raised perennial beds above low walls of serpentine stone and a highly productive vegetable garden.

Fee includes round-trip bus transportation, guide fee, and lunch.

Horticulturist **Peggy Bowditch** and **Betsy Gullan**, Membership Activities Coordinator, will lead the group, limited to 40 participants. Details of bus pickup in Center City, Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, and Longwood parking lot will be mailed in late May.

Fee: \$33 members; \$36 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: HEDGLEIGH SPRING **Tuesday, June 11, 10 am-noon** **Swarthmore**

PHS members are invited to visit Hedgleigh Spring, a family garden started three generations ago. Horticulturist **Andrew Bunting** will guide us through the garden, noted for its choice plants, perennial borders in sun and shade, artistic mixture of colors and textures, and skillful interplanting for four-season interest.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$12 members

DUMBARTON OAKS AND HILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, DC **Wednesday, June 12, 7 am-7:30 pm**

Our first stop will be the gardens of Dumbarton Oaks, designed by the noted landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand. The formal 10-acre gardens feature a series of

garden rooms with plants chosen for beauty and year-round interest. Our guided tour will include perennial borders, roses, peonies, fountains, pools, wrought iron and garden sculpture, specimen trees and shrubs.

After lunch at Hillwood, we'll have a two-hour tour of the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, and silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch, all entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pickups in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in late May. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$59 members; \$63 guests

FIELD TRIP: NEW JERSEY PINE BARRENS

Thursday, June 13, 8 am-5 pm

Rick Darke will lead 20 PHS members and guests on a journey through the New Jersey pine barrens to view different habitats and to search for rarer things. We'll see acres of pitch pine, dry and bog areas, pygmy forest, and recently burned areas with new growth emerging. We hope to find early summer orchids, waterlilies, and many other highlights.

Rick Darke, curator of plants at Longwood Gardens, has written and lectured extensively on the pine barrens.

All participants must travel in vans chartered by PHS; no private cars will be permitted because of poor road conditions. Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Pickup points will be determined by registration; travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$39 members; \$42 guests

FIELD TRIP: DAY IN YORK COUNTY **Saturday, June 15, 7:30 am-7 pm**

PHS members will have a special treat—a full day visiting four private York County gardens. Our first stop will be the unique home and gardens of **Morris West** and **Nicholas Klise**, who carved their gardens out of wilderness. Visitors are struck by the variety of gardens and plants

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*The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's
Friends of the Azalea Garden*

request the pleasure of your company at

A Garden Party

Wednesday, May 8, 1991 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

rain or shine

at the

Azalea Garden

Kelly Drive at Fairmount Avenue

Friends of the Azalea Garden, Co-Chairs

*Jean and Jim Bodine; Cynthia and Morris Cheston; Patricia McLaughlin
cocktails and hors d'oeuvres Westminster Brass hats and garden party attire R SVP*



Spring, summer and fall, the Azalea Garden is a favorite spot for Philadelphians and city visitors. Last year the Society completed an ambitious renovation program for this 4-acre Garden and now we need your help to keep it looking beautiful.

Don your party hat and come celebrate with us on May 8th. Alternatively, we welcome contributions to the Azalea Garden Maintenance Fund at any time of year.

If you're interested in donating a tree to honor a friend or family member for a special occasion, please call Kate Swartz at 625-8280.



Azalea Garden Party Reservations

Name _____

No. of reservations _____

Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Donation to Azalea Garden

Maintenance Fund \$ _____

Patrons \$75 per person

Jr. Patrons (under 30 yrs. of age) \$35
per person

Benefactors \$125 per person

Confirmations will be mailed.

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Please return this Reservation Form and your check made payable to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to: Azalea Garden, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-2777

ACTIVITIES (Continued)

that are grown from very choice alpine in the rock garden to perennials, vegetables, woodland and trough gardens. Klise and West created the house as an integrated part of the site.

After lunch we'll travel from the country to three private gardens near the city of York. One is an estate garden with thickly planted annuals and perennials and attractive vistas.

We'll also see an 18th century house surrounded by a wide variety of interesting trees and shrubs and another with garden rooms as the solution for a challenging site.

Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early June. Fee includes lunch.

Fee: \$36 members; \$40 guests

FIELD TRIP: WAVE HILL AND PRIVATE NEW YORK GARDEN

Wednesday, June 19, 7:15 am-7:15 pm

Our first stop will be Wave Hill in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale, a public estate garden that is landscaped to perfection. In addition to the Wild Garden, greenhouses, herb gardens, herbaceous borders, and a water lily display, Wave Hill presents many temporary horticultural exhibits on its 28 landscaped acres overlooking the Hudson River.

After our guided tour and catered lunch at Wave Hill, we'll finish our tour at a private garden a short distance away.

Fee: \$45 for members and \$49 for guests includes round-trip transportation, entrance and guide fees, lunch, and return-trip refreshments. Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early June.

7TH ANNUAL EARLY EVENING GARDEN TOUR

Meadowbrook Farm

Thursday, June 20, 5-7 pm

Distinguished horticulturist **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, will host members of the Society for a leisurely early evening visit to Meadowbrook Farm near Jenkintown.

PHS members will tour the house and gardens, famous for its garden rooms, topiaries, terraces, statuary, espaliers, and gazebos. The commercial greenhouse and nursery will be open, as well as the display gardens of herbs, perennials, and ornamental grasses.

We are grateful to the Members Committee who have helped organize this event under the leadership of **D.J. Brosius**. Wine and nibbles will be served. Music will be provided by harpist **Janet Biely**.

Travel instructions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members; \$20 guests

PERENNIALS FOR SUMMER

At Chanticleer in Wayne

Saturday, June 22, 10 am-noon

Summer perennials should not be restricted to just a few flowers when so many interesting foliage and flowering plants are available to enhance your summer garden. Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will give lots of ideas for the summer garden as she leads a group through the Chanticleer estate to point out the wide range of perennials, pleasing color combinations, special cultural tips and requirements, and effective ways to combine them with other elements in the garden.

Program limited to 25. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: KATH DUCKETT

Monday, June 24, 10 am-noon
Doylestown

Kath Duckett's gardens are a visual treat as well as a successful example of skillful planning and planting to achieve a succession of bloom. Landscape designer Duckett will lead us through her garden as she describes the plants and their culture and her own personal hints and tricks for a pleasing result. Kath will describe her method of seeding in, mixing perennials and self-seeding annuals for a bountiful effect.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$12 members only.

PESTS AND DISEASES

Saturday, June 29, 10 am-noon
Chanticleer, Wayne

Horticulturist **Ann Lighty** will conduct a practical program for home gardeners on preventing and controlling pests and diseases throughout the garden including roses, vegetables, and ornamentals. Ann will discuss practical methods of handling problems with emphasis on integrated pest management and organic gardening methods. Discussions will also include safety procedures for using toxic chemicals, proper timing, and best methods of application.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-June. Program limited to 25.

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MEMBERS ANNUAL PLANT DIVIDEND

Mark your calendar now for **Friday, September 6, 12-7 pm** and **Saturday, September 7, 9:30 am-12**, for the 1991 Plant Dividend. Each year PHS members may choose, as a benefit of their membership, one plant to take home; family members may choose three.

Dot Plyler, Chair of the Plant Dividend Committee and **Richard Bitner** and **Phyllis Weisman**, Vice-chairs, are busy compiling a list of this year's plant donations, which will be listed in the August issue of the *PHS News*.

Every year, PHS members generously donate plants for the Dividend. This year, more than 40 members are propagating, growing and grooming some choice selections. Last year's donations included more than 2,000 varieties of shrubs, trees, wildflowers, perennials, rock garden plants, orchids, ground covers and houseplants. Novice gardeners will find some reliable selections and have a chance to chat with experts from the Committee; experienced gardeners will find some of the more challenging varieties to grow. Several of the PHS Gold Medal Plant Award winners will be donated as well. If you would like to become a plant donor, or help with this project, please contact **Betsy Gullan**, membership coordinator at 625-8257.

DONATIONS WANTED FOR LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Recycle your used gardening books by donating them to the PHS Library's annual Booksale to be held **Friday, September 6, 12-7 pm** and **Saturday, September 7, 9:30 am-12**. Proceeds from the Booksale help buy new books for the Library. For more information on the Booksale, call the Library at (215) 625-8256.

Azalea Garden Almanac

If you're looking for a gardening challenge, come on out and work in the Azalea Garden, on several Saturdays this summer and fall. Garden Days are a great way to hone your pruning skills, get a good work-out and share and gather gardening tips with fellow green thumbs.

To sign up for any of the days listed below, please call **Kate Swartz** at (215) 625-8280.

The Azalea Garden is located directly behind the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Parking is plentiful and free.

GARDEN DAYS

Held each Saturday from 9 am-noon, except where noted.

June 29

July 27 - special guest speaker, **Richard Lighty**, Native Plants

August 24

September 28

October 19 - 10 am-1 pm

November 23

December 14

TREE SYMPOSIUM AT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Alex Shigo, internationally famous authority on tree care, will be guest lecturer for a full-day program promoting tree health, **Saturday, October 26**, at Swarthmore College. Designed for professionals and home gardeners, the symposium will focus on careful site selection, planting and pruning techniques, routine maintenance, pest management and diseases.

The symposium is jointly sponsored by Bryn Mawr College, Chanticleer

PHILADELPHIANS WEAVE RIBBON OF GOLD THROUGHOUT THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS

The City will be awash with a lovely sea of green and gold this summer thanks to the gardening efforts of many area residents and associations involved in Center City Green's Ribbon of Gold project.

A carpet of yellow flowering perennials will unfold in Queen's Village this summer after neighbors, who cleared a narrow strip of land on **League Street** last spring, constructed and planted six raised beds. The golden trail will also set aglow the 1900 block of Spring Garden Street as a result of the efforts put forth by members of the **Spring Garden Civic Association** who planted four beds with perennials and ornamental grasses. "We see the Ribbon of Gold as very important to our community. It has helped convert Spring Garden Street from a barrier, to a bridge between Center City and our neighborhood," says Civic Association Chair, **Charlie Thompson**. The Ribbon of Gold project has also found its way to Philadelphia's waterfront thanks to efforts put forth by the **Penn's Landing Corporation**. The half-acre site along Delaware Avenue between Market and Chestnut Streets will become a field of wildflowers this summer as California poppies, cone-flowers, black-eyed Susans and coreopsis make their showy appearance.

Ribbon of Gold is a hands-on program that depends on the work of volunteer groups for garden maintenance and clean-up. If you would like to lend your golden touch to the Project, call **Katherine Newland** at (215) 625-8280.

Foundation, International Society of Arboriculture, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College.

To receive a brochure for more information, check the appropriate box on the reservation form, page three.

Activities

LECTURES, MEETINGS
(Open to all without charge)

CENTER CITY ORCHID SOCIETY
Monday, June 17, 7 pm



WORKSHOP: PRESSED PLANTS
Tuesday, June 4, 10 am-noon

This frequently requested workshop on using pressed plants for decorative items and gifts will be a hands-on session directed by **Barbara Keenan** and **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo**, Philadelphia Flower Show pressed plant design class advisor and chair. They will teach techniques for pressing plants, glueing, arranging, and finishing.

Each participant will complete a decorative door push plate. All materials will be supplied, including pressed flowers from the gardens of Barbara and Rosemarie.

Program limited to 15.

Fee: \$18 members; \$20 guests

GARDEN VISITS: CHESTNUT HILL TO GWYNEDD
Sunday, June 9, 1-5 pm

Seven gardens open to PHS members include a little gem of a city backyard, one with old boxwood and elegant architectural features, a walled garden with colorful English-style flower borders, climbing roses, and clematis. Lovely country properties offer perennials, roses, plantings around picturesque old barns and outbuildings, terraces, pools, a stream, and waterfall.

Garden descriptions, travel directions, and tags will be mailed in late May.

Fee: \$4 members; \$5 guests; \$2 children under 16

AT-HOME SERIES: HEDGLEIGH SPRING
Tuesday, June 11, 10 am-noon
Swarthmore

PHS members are invited to visit Hedgleigh Spring, a family garden started three generations ago. Horticulturist **Andrew Bunting** will guide us through the garden, noted for its choice plants, perennial borders in sun and shade, artistic mixture of colors and textures, and skillful interplanting for four-season interest.

Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$12 members

DUMBARTON OAKS AND HILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, DC
Wednesday, June 12, 7 am-7:30 pm

Our first stop will be the gardens of Dumbarton Oaks, designed by the noted landscape gardener Beatrix Farrand. The formal 10-acre gardens feature a series of garden rooms with plants chosen for beauty and year-round interest. Our special guided tour will include perennial borders, roses, fountains, pools, wrought iron and garden sculpture, specimen trees and shrubs.

After lunch at Hillwood, we'll have a two-hour tour of the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, and silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, lunch, all entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pickups in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in late May. Limited to 25.

Fee: \$59 members; \$63 guests

FIELD TRIP: NEW JERSEY PINE BARRENS
Thursday, June 13, 8 am-5 pm

Rick Darke will lead 20 PHS members and guests on a journey through the New Jersey pine barrens to view different habitats and to search for rarer things. We'll see acres of pitch pine, dry and bog areas, pygmy forest, and recently burned areas with new growth emerging. We hope to find early summer orchids, waterlilies, and many other highlights.

Rick Darke, curator of plants at Longwood Gardens, has written and lectured extensively on the pine barrens.

All participants must travel in vans chartered by PHS; no private cars will be permitted because of poor road conditions. Participants should bring a brown-bag lunch; beverages will be provided. Pickup points will be determined by registration; and travel directions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$39 members; \$42 guests

FIELD TRIP: DAY IN YORK COUNTY
Saturday, June 15, 7:30 am-7 pm

PHS members will have a special treat—a full day visiting four private York

County gardens. Our first stop will be the unique home and gardens of **Morris West** and **Nicholas Klise**, who carved their gardens out of wilderness. Visitors are struck by the variety of gardens and plants that are grown, from very choice alpine in the rock garden to perennials, vegetables, woodland and trough gardens. Klise and West created the house as an integral part of the site.

After lunch we'll travel from the country to three private gardens near the city of York. One is an estate garden with thickly planted annuals and perennials and attractive vistas.

We'll also see an 18th century house surrounded by a wide variety of interesting trees and shrubs and another with a garden room as the solution for a challenging site.

Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early June. Fee includes lunch.

Fee: \$36 members; \$40 guests

AT-HOME SERIES: ARRANGING FROM YOUR SUMMER GARDEN
Tuesday, June 18, 10 am-noon
Lafayette Hill

Don't even think about purchasing flowers for a summer arrangement for your home until you've explored the offerings from your own garden and nearby roadsides. **Audrey Nichols**, accomplished arranger and gardener, will emphasize how to make the most of what you have. Through demonstration and discussion, Audrey will explore mixing annuals with perennials for abundance in the garden and your arrangements, cutting, proper timing and conditioning.

Travel directions will be mailed in early June. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

FIELD TRIP: WAVE HILL AND PRIVATE NEW YORK GARDEN
Wednesday, June 19, 7:15 am-7:15 pm

Our first stop will be Wave Hill in the Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale, a public estate garden that is landscaped to perfection. In addition to the Wild Garden, greenhouses, herb gardens, herbaceous borders, and a water lily display, Wave Hill presents many temporary horticultural exhibits on its 28 landscaped acres overlooking the Hudson River.

After our guided tour and catered lunch at Wave Hill, we'll finish our tour at the

private garden of Esta and Harold Epstein, featured in Rosemary Verey's *The American Man's Garden*. This mature shaded garden contains specimen plants in a woodland setting.

Fee: \$45 for members and \$49 for guests includes round-trip transportation, entrance and guide fees, lunch, and return-trip refreshments. Details of bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in early June.

7TH ANNUAL EARLY EVENING GARDEN TOUR

Meadowbrook Farm

Thursday, June 20, 5-7 pm

Distinguished horticulturist **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, will host members of the

Society for a leisurely early evening visit to Meadowbrook Farm near Jenkintown. PHS members will tour the house and gardens, famous for its garden rooms, topiaries, terraces, statuary, espaliers, and gazebos. The commercial greenhouse and nursery will be open, as well as the display gardens of herbs, perennials, and ornamental grasses.

We are grateful to the Members Committee who have helped organize this event under the leadership of **D.J. Brosius**. Wine and nibbles will be served. Music will be provided by harpist **Janet Biely**.

Travel instructions will be mailed in early June.

Fee: \$15 members; \$20 guests

PERENNIALS FOR SUMMER

At Chanticleer in Wayne

Saturday, June 22, 10 am-noon

Summer perennials should not be restricted to just a few flowers when so many interesting foliage and flowering plants are available to enhance your summer garden. Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will give lots of ideas for the summer garden as she leads a group through the Chanticleer estate to point out the wide range of perennials, pleasing color combinations, special cultural tips and requirements, and effective ways to combine them with other elements in the garden.

Program limited to 25. Travel directions will be mailed in early June.

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Members \$15____ Guests \$18____

PEST AND DISEASES

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PESTS AND DISEASES

Saturday, June 29, 10 am-noon

Chanticleer, Wayne

Horticulturist **Ann Lighty** will conduct a practical program for home gardeners on preventing and controlling pests and diseases throughout the garden including roses, vegetables, and ornamentals. Ann will discuss practical methods of handling problems with emphasis on integrated pest management and organic gardening methods. Discussions will also include safety procedures for using toxic chemicals, proper timing, and best methods of application.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-June. Program limited to 25.

Fee: \$15 members; \$18 guests



- ☐ Please send information on Tree Symposium.
☐ Please send information on Colorado Adventure.

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Pepperpot

It's midsummer in the garden; for PHS it's the end of another fiscal year and my thanks go to all members who have supported us so generously with your thoughts, suggestions, time and contributions. With all this enthusiasm and knowledge to back us up, those of us who are lucky enough to work at the Society find it an invigorating and exciting experience.

To all new members who joined during the past fiscal year, a warm welcome. We hope you will accept our invitation to the New Members Evening on Wednesday, June 5th from 5 to 7 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our talented staff and also to get a broader perspective on the Society's programs. We always enjoy the opportunity to meet members and if you can't come on June 5th, I encourage you to visit our headquarters some other day. Also, we're always on the hunt for new helpers, new volunteers, but most of all for people who share a common interest in things horticultural. Give me a call if you'd like to be more involved in PHS.

Returning Staff Member We're happy to announce that **Kathy Mills**, who was Assistant PHS Horticulturist a couple of years ago, returned to the Society as Horticulturist in mid-May. If you'd like to join Kathy's band of volunteers who tend the 18th Century Garden, please give her a call at 625-8262.

Jane G. Pepper
President

COLORADO ADVENTURE

If you haven't finalized your summer travel plans, consider a refreshingly different seven-day trip to Colorado, July 10-16. Just a few spaces remain for the Society's trip to Denver and Vail to visit the Denver Botanic garden, mountain and city private gardens, and Rocky Mountain meadows of wild flowers.

To receive a copy of the itinerary, please check the box on the reservation form, page three, or call Betsy Gullan, (215) 625-8257.

OUTSTANDING HORTICULTURISTS SOUGHT FOR PHS MAJOR AWARDS

Each year, the PHS Awards Committee sets about the task of nominating those outstanding individuals and/or groups who have made significant contributions to the field of horticulture.

This year, **Sally Graham**, Awards Committee chair, invites nominations for PHS's most prestigious horticultural awards in 1992. The Distinguished Achievement Medal is presented to an individual from the Mid-Atlantic states who has made outstanding contributions to the field of horticulture in an area of particular interest to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. The Certificate of Merit is awarded to an individual, organization, institution or business corporation for outstanding contributions to horticulture.

Please submit a portfolio with one nominating letter and two letters of endorsement to Sally Graham, Chair, Awards Committee, c/o PHS, by **September 15**.

New in the Library

The art of gardening with roses,
Graham Stuart Thomas, 1991.

Eminent gardeners, Jane Brown, 1990.

Foliage plants for decorating indoors,
Virginia Elbert, 1989.

*Garden views III: Water and stream
gardens*, Tatsui Kenkyujo, 1991.

Historic gardens, Jane Fearnley-
Whittingstall, 1990.

Landscaping with nature, Jeff Cox,
1991.

Wreaths 'round the year, Dawn Cusick,
1990.



1992 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW NAMED BULB CLASSES

Classes 202, 302, 402 NARCISSUS
'LITTLE GEM' (miniature) grown and
shown in a 4" pot.

Classes 203, 303, 403 NARCISSUS
'BEERSHEBA' (trumpet) grown and
shown in an 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

Classes 204, 304, 404 NARCISSUS
'FEBRUARY GOLD' (cyclamineus)
grown and shown in an 8" bulb pan or
azalea pot.

Classes 205, 305, 405 HYACINTHUS
'BLUE JACKET' grown and shown in an 8"
bulb pan or azalea pot.

Classes 206, 306, 406 TULIPA 'PEACH
BLOSSOM' grown and shown in an 8"
bulb pan or azalea pot.

MORE BULB NEWS...

Classes 200, 300, 400 NOVICE
NARCISSUS CLASS; any Narcissus variety
not listed in Classes _02 - _04; open to
anyone who has never won a blue ribbon
in the Bulb Classes of the Philadelphia
Flower Show prior to 1992.

Classes 201, 301, 401 NOVICE
TULIPA CLASS; any named Tulipa variety
other than that in Class _06; grown and
shown in a 6" bulb pan or azalea pot.
Open to anyone who has never won a
blue ribbon in the Bulb Classes of the
Philadelphia Flower Show prior to 1992.

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PLANTING TREES IN PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOODS

Thanks to a generous four-year grant from the **William Penn Foundation**, the Society has for the past two years been pursuing an ambitious tree program including street trees and open space plantings. Multiple lot plantings, sitting and shade parks, schoolside nurseries and fruit orchards are just a few of the novel plantings **Jonathan Frank**, Manager, Tree Program and staff members **Mindy Maslin** and **Susan Phillips** have been pursuing in their efforts to bring more greenery to North Philadelphia.

The Tree Program has also set out roots in City elementary schools this year with its own version of the popular television game show "Jeopardy". More than a dozen schools participated in the high energy "Environmental Jeopardy" game by guessing the value of trees in our environment, different varieties of trees and the harmful effects of pollution on the environment. The students had a great time and learned quite a bit about their role as caretakers of the earth. If you and your children would like to participate in a rousing round of "Environmental Jeopardy", there's still an opportunity to play at this year's Harvest Show on September 21 and 22. Look for details in next month's issue of the *PHS News*.

The Tree Program is one part of the Society's Philadelphia Green Program, which works throughout the City to bring plantings and horticultural education to neighborhood gardeners. This spring alone, more than 1,252 tons of soil were delivered to hundreds of garden sites across Philadelphia along with 317 tons of mulch and 350 trees, including

hawthornes, honey locusts, flowering pears and filberts. Philadelphia is getting greener every day thanks to your support as a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

BARGAIN PRICES TO BE FOUND AT ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOKSALE

This is your chance to catch some of the best bargains in town at the Library Booksale, **Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7.**

The Booksale, an annual event that coincides with the Members' Plant Dividend, will offer many choice selections of garden catalogs, botanical prints, as well as **NEW** and used gardening books. As an added feature, during the Booksale you can take advantage of Amnesty Days. Return any overdue books to the Library during the Booksale hours without paying a late charge.

The Library Booksale will take place on September 6 from noon to 7 pm and September 7 from 9:30 am to noon.

Friends of the Library are invited to preview the sale on September 6 between 10 am and noon.

If you would like to donate books to the Booksale, please call Janet Evans at (215) 625-8261.

A QUESTION FOR EVERY ANSWER ON THE PHS HOTLINE

How do you keep those blasted squirrels out of the rose bed? Can I grow artichokes here? My *Epiphyllum* has 1,000 buds. Does anyone care?

These are the daily dilemmas of the more than 445 gardeners who called PHS's hardy corps of hotline volunteers during May and June.

MEMBERS' HARVEST SHOW PREVIEW Friday, September 20, 4-7 pm

Plan to attend the 1991 Harvest Show Members' Preview immediately following the judging of exhibits. Cider, wine, and light snacks will be served. And don't forget to bring the kids! Children's mask making activity will take place in the Children's Tent from 4-6 pm.

Members may bring guests to the Preview for a charge of \$5 each, payable at the entrance. Members' tickets to the Show will be mailed in late August.

The Harvest Show will be held at the Horticulture Center, Belmont Avenue and Horticultural Drive in West Fairmount Park. The Show opens to the public on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. Look for details in the next issue of the *PHS News*.

HARVEST SHOW HELPERS NEEDED

Sylvia Lin, PHS Members Committee Chair, invites volunteers to help dispense cider and cookies, wine and nibbles at the Harvest Show Members' Preview on September 20, from 4-7 pm. If you would like to help, please check the appropriate box on the reservation form page and we will be in touch with you in early September with more details.

Whether it is finding a cure for black spot or finding a good source for purchasing lady bugs, the Hotliners are there to the rescue each day, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to noon. Give them a call at (215) 922-8043.

Activities

Special Events

PHS MEMBERS' ANNUAL PLANT DIVIDEND

Friday, September 6, noon-7 pm

Saturday, September 7, 9:30 am-noon

Plan to visit PHS to receive one of the benefits of membership: your complimentary plant (one plant per individual membership, three per family or other membership). Avail yourself of special treasures, including PHS Gold Medal Award winners. Some of the Dividend plants are seldom available commercially. To speed admission, please bring your membership card.

Thanks to these propagators who generously share time, talents and plants:

Richard Bitner, Richard Both, Michael
Bowell, Lester Cundiff, Aldys C. Davis,
Alice Doering, Elizabeth Farley, Walt
Fisher, Joyce Fingerut, Roxie Gevjan,
Janet and John Gyer, George Harding,
Tam Hartell, Steve Hutton, Betty Kassab,
Anita Kistler, David Lutt, Jane Lennon,
John Leonard, Richard Lighty, Sylvia Lin,
Cheryl and Thomas Monroe, Robert
Montgomery, Dee Peck, Dot Plyler, Sally
Reath, Helen Roback, Herbert Schiffer,
Charlotte and Alan Slack, Irene Slater,
Art Tucker, Rosemarie Vassalluzzo,
Robert Way, Phyllis Weisman, Susie
Wilmerding, Mary Lou Wolfe, Chris
Woods and Sally Yow.



DEMONSTRATION: ARRANGING FROM THE AUTUMN GARDEN

Longview Farm, Malvern

Wednesday, September 25, 10 am-noon

PHS members who have visited **Joanna Reed's** Longview Farm have admired her charming, informal bouquets from her garden and will enjoy her relaxed approach to "fixing" flowers, rather than arranging. Her intent is to bring her garden into her house by attractively arranging flowers and foliage in vases by using what Joanna describes, with a twinkle in her eye, as her "stick and stuff" method.

Joanna will talk about informal arranging and conditioning of flowers and will demonstrate ways to use fall-fruiting

shrubs and foliage with flowers as accents. This program represents basic flower arranging at its most enjoyable and promotes a philosophy rather than a discipline.

Travel instructions will be mailed to participants in early September.

Fee: \$13 members; \$15 guests

Limited to one guest per member.

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Program limited to 25. Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in mid-September.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

LECTURE: IRISH GARDENS AND PLANTS

Thursday, October 3, 5:45 pm

Helen Dillon, one of Ireland's great gardeners, will talk about Irish gardeners and their plants, emphasizing the importance of growing plants well and placing them to their advantage.

Helen Dillon's own garden on Sanford Road in Dublin has become a must-see for visiting horticulturists. Gardener, speaker, and writer, Mrs. Dillon co-edited *In an Irish Garden* with Sybil Connolly, who writes a weekly newspaper column, and has written for *House and Garden* and other horticultural magazines.

Lecture will begin promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$7 members; \$9 guests

The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

MEADOWBROOK FARM: A CASE STUDY FOR EFFECTIVE LANDSCAPE DESIGN

(3 sessions) 10 am-noon

Tuesday, October 8;

Thursday, October 10;

Tuesday, October 15

At Meadowbrook Farm, owner/designer **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.** and horticulturist/manager **Chuck Rogers** will conduct a six-hour program on landscape design. Using the private gardens as a laboratory, Pennock and Rogers will focus on one aspect of effective landscaping in each two-hour session: design/structure, plants, ornaments/accessories

Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$70 members only. Travel directions will be mailed in mid-September



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We're starting a new year of activities with a bang, featuring two special lectures. Early in October, **Helen Dillon**, celebrated Irish gardener and plant collector, will talk about Irish gardeners and their plants. The following week, famous horticulturist and plant explorer **Roy Lancaster** from the Royal Horticultural Society will talk about plants from around the world and their uses in the garden.

The whole season of interesting workshops, field trips, lectures, and tours await you as we move from programs on flower arranging, and garden design, to a tree symposium with **Alex Shigo** in late October.

Three tours are being planned for members starting with a quick trip to Europe in May to visit the Chelsea Flower Show and the Dutch Floriade. In late spring PHS members will travel up the Hudson River to enjoy fine New York gardens, and we'll cap off the year with a trip to Australia and New Zealand in November 1992.

We have a program for everyone, so we hope to see you often throughout the year.

Betsy Gullan

Membership Activities
Coordinator

New in the Library

- ☐ *The book of primroses*, Barbara Shaw, 1991.
- ☐ *Designing with perennials*, Pamela Harper, 1990.
- ☐ *Flower pressing*, Joanna Sheen, 1988.
- ☐ *The gardener's home companion*, Betty Mackey, 1991.
- ☐ *Gardening with native wild flowers*, Samuel B. Jones, 1990.
- ☐ *Gardens of the world*, Laura Martin, 1990.

- ☐ *Grandma's garden*, Laura Martin, 1990.
- ☐ *Outdoor building projects*, Byron W. Maguire, 1991.
- ☐ *Secrets of the great gardeners*, Peter Loewer, 1991.
- ☐ *The weekend garden guide*, Susan A. Roth, 1991.

NEW VIDEOS

The library has over 100 gardening videos. To request a list, please call 625-8256

- ☐ *Basic orchid growing*. Garvid Productions. Portland, OR; 1991.

- ☐ *Bio-dynamic gardening: a how-to guide*. Bokajo Enterprises. Wildomar, CA; 1988. 58 minutes.
- ☐ *Bonsai; the art of training dwarf potted trees*. Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Brooklyn, NY. 22 minutes; ISBN: 0-945352-60-3.
- ☐ *The glory of the garden*. Nicholas de Rothschild: Jan Kaplan; 1982.
- ☐ *Grow Lab; a growing experience*. National Gardening Assoc. Burlington, VT; 1991.
- ☐ *Helping to reduce populations of deer ticks*. Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co. 4 minutes, 13 sec.
- ☐ *Herbal preparations and natural therapies; creating and using a home herbal medicine chest*. Sunfire Productions. Glenwood Springs, Co; 1989. 2 tapes and accompanying book; ISBN: 0-9623812-0-9.
- ☐ *Techniques in plant identification*. Vocational Education Productions. San Luis Obispo, CA; 1989.

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GARDEN DESIGN: MEADOWBROOK FARM

Members only \$70

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Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____

- ☐ I would like to volunteer to help at Harvest Show Members' Preview, September 20, 1991

- ☐ Please send information on Tree Symposium.

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Other Events

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August 10-14, Open registration

Adam's Mark Hotel, City Line Avenue

Feature event: Field Day/Tree Climber's

Jamboree

Sunday, August 11,

Horticulture Center

Information: 1-800-ISA-TREE

SCOTT ARBORETUM PLANT SALE

Saturday, September 14, 10 am-3 pm

Features: trees, shrubs, vines and
perennials

Information: (215) 687-3916

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To receive a brochure for more information, check the appropriate box on the reservation form.

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When you receive your Flower Show Exhibitors Schedule, be sure and read each section of the Schedule carefully and register your entries on the form provided at the back of each booklet. If you would like to receive an extra Schedule for a friend, please call Marge Meer at (215)-625-8292.



ENTER THE BEST AND ODDEST FROM YOUR GARDEN AT THE HARVEST SHOW

Bring your amazing and amusing mutation vegetables and fruits to the Harvest Show and enter them in this year's special category "Good Sports From The Funny Farm". This is purely a spectator sport and will not be judged. You can display as many oddly shaped specimens as you like but should follow all other general and horticultural rules on pages 3 and 4 of the Exhibitor's Schedule.

Another new category, eligible for judging, is the Herb Wreath. Your 8" wreath made with a minimum of five varieties of dried herbs, must be equipped with a wire for hanging.

HARVEST SHOW POSTERS AVAILABLE

Stop by PHS and pick-up a handful of this year's colorful 8x10 posters to display in your local, store, library or church.

If you would like a poster mailed to you, please call Ellen Gittleman at 625-8266.

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1991 HARVEST SHOW EXPLORES GARDENING THROUGH THE YEARS

From an heirloom garden of rainbow colored vegetables and fruits to the healing effects of gardening on the body and soul, this year's Harvest Show educational exhibitors will provide Show goers with interesting, useful information **Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22 at the Horticulture Center, Belmont Avenue and Horticultural Drive in Fairmount Park.**

Ann Benzel, Harvest Show Chair, says this year's Show theme, Harvesting The Years, will take visitors on a nostalgic "journey" back to the 18th century and continue through to modern times. Explore early garden designs and techniques; learn how to create a new garden for an old home and taste freshly pressed apple cider made on an antique press at the Show.

The Harvest Show will also feature the bounty of this region's growing season when more than 700 exhibitors display their homegrown vegetables, fruits, flowers and plants in the annual competition.

The Harvest Show is open 10 am to 5 pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 for adults; \$1.50 for children under 12. Restaurant and picnic facilities are on the premises. Parking is plentiful and free at the Horticulture Center.

HARVEST SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, September 21

1:00 Homemade wines and vinegars
Sally McCabe, Philadelphia Green Education Specialist and **Lorraine McGill**, Harvest Show Vice Chair of Preserved Products and Community Gardens

2:00 Flower Arranging: Creative ideas using budget containers
Bernice Makin, professional flower arranger

2:30 All about Heirloom Tomatoes
Craig LeHoullier, Harvest Show Educational Exhibitor

3:00 Cooking up the Harvest
Rick Rogers, cook book author

Sunday, September 22

1:00 Safety tips and techniques for Home preserving
Richard Bitner, Harvest Show Preserved Products Chair

2:00 Cider making
Clarissa Dillon, food historian

3:00 Cooking with Herbs
Rosemarie Vassalluzzo, Food Columnist, The Advance of Bucks County

HARVEST SHOW SPECIAL EVENT

10 am-4 pm

Jack Eden, KYW Newsradio garden commentator, will answer gardening questions (Saturday only)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

10 am-4 pm

Scarecrow Making

11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm

Environmental Jeopardy - children can test their knowledge of plants and the environment with this adapted version of the popular TV game show

11 am-1 pm

Hand Weavers - learn more about this old world craft from members of the Philadelphia Guild of Hand Weavers

Decorating Baskets - hands-on activity using dried seeds, pods and flowers

1-2 pm

Cider Making - youngsters try their hand at cider making on antique presses from The John Bartram Association

1-4 pm

Children's Activity Tent - Pumpkin Painting, Leaf Mask Making and Apple Bobbing

MEMBERS' HARVEST SHOW PREVIEW Friday, September 20, 4-7 pm

Members who visit this year's Harvest Show Preview will get a double treat in the form of a special discount voucher to the **American Institute of Wine and Food's** "Taste The Harvest" event to be held Saturday, September 21, 10 am-5 pm at the First Philadelphia Troop Armory 22 S. 23rd St. Visit the Taste The Harvest booth at the Show and learn more about this special event that features the bounty and abundant variety of produce grown and processed by Delaware Valley farmers, growers, vintners and food processors.

Members may bring guests to the Harvest Show Preview for a charge of \$5 each, payable at the entrance. Members' tickets to the Show were mailed in late August. If you have not received your tickets, please call Linda Davis at 625-8265.

The Harvest Show will be held at the Horticulture Center, Belmont Avenue and Horticultural Drive, West Fairmount Park.

PHS MEMBERS' PLANT DIVIDEND

Friday, September 6, noon-7 pm

Saturday, September 7, 9:30-noon

PHS members will have an opportunity to obtain some unusual plants at this year's annual distribution. Among the uncommon plants grown by PHS members for the Dividend are a rare Texas endemic sage, a tropical Bird of Paradise, and our much loved native *Trillium grandiflorum*, which was grown, not collected, by members. There will be trees, shrubs, ferns, grasses, perennials and houseplants including orchids. Plants which have won the PHS Gold Medal (formerly the Styer Award) will also be available.

Individual members are entitled to one plant; other members may choose three plants.

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Activities

PERENNIALS FOR FALL

At Chanticleer, Wayne

Saturday, September 28, 10 am-noon

Horticulturist **Lisa Roper** will give suggestions for the autumn garden at the Chanticleer estate to point out the wide range of fall-blooming perennials, pleasing color combinations, special horticultural and maintenance tips and requirements, and effective ways to combine them with other elements in the garden.

Program limited to 25. Participants must provide own transportation. Travel directions will be mailed in mid-September.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

LECTURE: IRISH GARDENS AND PLANTS

Thursday, October 3, 5:45-7:15 pm

Helen Dillon, one of Ireland's great gardeners, will talk about Irish gardens and their plants, emphasizing the importance of growing plants well and placing them to their advantage.

Helen Dillon's own garden on Sanford Road in Dublin has become a must-see for visiting horticulturists. Gardener, speaker, and writer, Mrs. Dillon co-edited *In an Irish Garden* with Sybil Connolly; she writes a weekly newspaper column and has written for *House and Garden* and other horticultural magazines.

Lecture will begin promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$7 members; \$9 guests

The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

Friday, October 4, 10 am-noon

Peoples Light and Theater, Malvern

Fall is for planting, and it's also the best time to give flower beds a hard, critical look and to make decisions for next year. Now plants can be moved, divided, discarded, as well as planted. Go through this process with **Jane Lennon**, perennial specialist from Cherrymont Nursery, as she demonstrates and discusses what can be accomplished this fall in anticipation of an improved garden next year.

Travel directions will be mailed in late September.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

MEADOWBROOK FARM: A CASE STUDY FOR EFFECTIVE LANDSCAPE DESIGN

(3 sessions) **10 am-noon**

Tuesday, October 8;

Thursday, October 10;

Tuesday, October 15

At Meadowbrook Farm, owner/designer **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.** and horticulturist/manager **Chuck Rogers** will conduct a six-hour program on landscape design. Using the private gardens as a laboratory, Pennock and Rogers will focus on one aspect of effective landscaping in each two-hour session: design/structure, plants, ornaments/accessories.

Program limited to 20.

Fee: \$70 members only. Travel directions will be mailed in mid-September

LECTURE: THE WORLD IS MY GARDEN

Tuesday, October 8, 5:45-7:15 pm

Famous British horticulturist **Roy Lancaster** will take us on a "journey" around the world to examine garden plants, where they come from, and how we use them in our gardens today. He'll consider plants that are familiar and others less so, and tell the fascinating story behind each one.

Roy Lancaster is a freelance writer, plant explorer, and British television personality. He has authored seven books, has been involved in horticultural programs for the BBC for over 10 years, and has led tours and treks to botanize in areas from North America to the wilds of Spain, Turkey, Iran, Tasmania, China, and Japan.

The program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm

CHANTICLEER STROLL IN WAYNE

Wednesday, October 16, 10 am-noon

Chris Woods, executive director, will lead PHS members and guests on an autumn walk through Chanticleer, a private foundation in Wayne. The tour will focus on seasonal color and fall-fruiting or blooming plants.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$5 members; \$7 guests

WORKSHOP: DRIED FLOWERS — A HARVEST OF FLORAL DESIGN POSSIBILITIES

Friday, October 18, 10 am-1 pm

This flower arranging workshop offers fresh ideas on "drieds" for gardeners or gleaners. **Priscilla-Gene Shaffer** will discuss methods of drying and preserving homegrown and gathered materials, the purchase of commercially prepared "drieds" and their availability for year-round designing enjoyment, storage, arranging mechanics, design possibilities and display. Hand-outs, slide presentation, demonstration, and individual attention will assist participants in creating an arrangement.

Fee of \$39 for members and \$42 for guests includes container, mechanics, and dried plants. Registrants should bring clippers, scissors, wire cutters, and a box to transport finished project.

Priscilla-Gene Shaffer teaches flower shop management at Temple University, Ambler, and runs her own floral design business.

Program limited to 15.

WORKSHOP: PLANTING BULBS

Saturday, October 19, 10 am-1 pm

Bulb specialist **Brent Heath** will convince you that planting bulbs is an easy, creative, pleasurable experience when you have the right tools used in the correct manner. Heath will conduct an informal, practical hands-on workshop at the Azalea Garden, where he'll demonstrate techniques for bulb planting. Discussion topics will include nutrition, bedding, naturalizing, tools, interplanting, and ways to create dramatic rivers of bulbs.

Using Heath's team method, participants will plant bulbs at the Azalea Garden on Kelly Drive next to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The Azalea Garden, originally given to the City by PHS in the 1950's, has been restored and rehabilitated through PHS's Center City Green Program during the past three years.

Brent Heath, a third-generation bulb grower, owns The Daffodil Mart, a wholesale/retail mail order business in Gloucester, Virginia.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

Reservations

Clip and mail reservations to:

PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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Members \$12____ Guests \$14____

GROUND COVERS FOR CONNOISSEURS

members \$12____ Guests \$14____

DEMONSTRATION: ARRANGING WITH FOLIAGE

Members \$13____ Guests \$15____

TREE SYMPOSIUM

\$40____

FORCING BULBS

Members \$30____ Guests \$34____

I would like to volunteer as an aide for '92 Flower Show

- ☐ Barrier ☐ Hospitality
☐ Arrangement ☐ Horticulture

☐ I would like to volunteer to help at Harvest Show Members' Preview, September 20, 1991

☐ Please send information on Tree Symposium.

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work _____

GROUND COVERS FOR CONNOISSEURS

Monday, October 21, 10 am-noon
Cherrymont Nursery, Morgantown

Forget the hackneyed five and look at a broad range of ground cover plants to blanket your garden with colors, textures, flowers, and perfume. Join **Jane Lennon** at her nursery in Morgantown to see established plantings and to discuss use, planting, and maintenance techniques of ground covers for sun, shade, wet, dry, large, and small areas at Cherrymont Nursery.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

AT-HOME-SERIES: ARRANGING WITH FOLIAGE

Friday, October 25, 10 am-noon
Malvern

Joanna Reed of Longview Farm will create informal arrangements for the home using foliage from her garden. Joanna will show interesting and appealing effects that can be achieved without flowers by combining colors, textures, forms and berries/fruits available in autumn gardens. The focus of this program is making the most of nature's bounty; formal principles of arranging will not be taught.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: members \$13; guests \$15

Limited to one guest per member.

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Fee of \$40 includes program, lunch, and tour.

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT

Wednesday, October 30, 10 am-noon

Walter Fisher, Flower Show Executive Committee member and perennial winner in Flower Show bulb classes, will teach all the essentials of forcing including methods of attaining full, robust pots of bloom, mechanics of planting, forcing timetables, tips on grooming and exhibition, cold storage techniques, and best varieties for forcing.

Each participant will plant two 8" clay pots using a tulip and a narcissus suitable for entry in the 1992 Philadelphia Flower Show novice classes.

All materials will be provided. Limited to 20 participants.

Fee: \$30 members; \$34 guests

New in the Library

- ☐ *Bonsai for all seasons*, Kyuzo Murata, 1990.
- ☐ *Common-sense pest control*, William Olkowski, 1991.
- ☐ *The Complete book of bonsai*, Harry Tomlinson, 1990.
- ☐ *The Experience of place*, Tony Hiss, 1990.
- ☐ *Making a white garden*, Joan Clifton, 1990.
- ☐ *Oriental vegetables*, Joy Larkom, 1991.

- ☐ *Period Gardens*, Patrick Taylor, 1991.
- ☐ *Rosy's garden*, Satomi Ichikawa, 1990.
- ☐ *Second nature*, Michael Pollan, 1991.

Members may borrow books by mail. If you would like one or more of the above books sent to you, check off the title, fill out the form below and mail to: Library, PHS, 325 Walnut St., Phila., PA 19106. Or, phone your request to (215) 625-8256. When returning book(s) please enclose \$1.75 per book in the envelope provided. Our new books are popular. If you don't receive your choice within 2 weeks, you'll know you are on a wait list.

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As you study the membership information, please consider increasing your membership to contributing, sponsoring, or sustaining categories. Revenues from these memberships help support Philadelphia Green and Center City Green, our community outreach programs.

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1991 MAJOR AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

Under the leadership of Awards Committee chair, **Sally Graham**, the following nominees have been selected for the Society's major awards.

The Distinguished Achievement Medal will be presented to **Mrs. Lammot du Pont Copeland**. Mrs. Copeland is perhaps best known to gardeners and the gardening public for the gardens she is creating at Mt. Cuba in Greenville, Delaware. These gardens, devoted primarily to eastern North American natives, now occupy about 20 acres and attract several thousand people annually, although Mt. Cuba is still private. She is a staunch supporter of the Philadelphia Flower Show through her entries in the horticultural classes and as a benefactor. Mrs. Copeland has served on the boards of Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Gunston Hall Plantation in Virginia and the Delaware Nature Society.

Certificates of Merit will be presented to **Josephine McQuail Bachman** for her work at the People's Light and Theatre Company gardens; to **William Bender** for his outstanding contributions to the hybridization of daffodils from around the world, and to **The Four Seasons Hotel** for its impressive interior plantings and floral displays, and for support of the planting and restoration work at Logan Square.

All awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society, **Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00 pm.**

AIDES NEEDED FOR 1992 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Arrangement Aides are needed daily March 7-14 (except Sunday, March 8) from 6:30 to 9:15 AM.

Barrier Aides are needed daily March 9-14 to facilitate judging of design classes from 8 AM until judging is completed around 1 PM.

Hospitality Aides are needed daily March 7-14 (except Sunday, March 8) from 6:30 to 9:15 AM.

Horticulture Barrier Aides are needed on Tuesday, March 10 and Friday, March 13 from 8 AM until judging is completed.

We welcome PHS members as volunteers; please check the appropriate box on the Reservations coupon on page three.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

November 20, 1991

Please join us for the Society's 164th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00 pm at the Society's offices, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. We will elect new Council members, take up any other business which may properly come before the meeting, and celebrate the recipients of the Society's awards.

The Society's Nominating Committee, **Henry H. Reichner, Jr.**, Chair; **Morris Cheston, Jr.**, **Donald L. Felley**, **Sally Graham**, **Barbara Heckert**, **Richard W. Lighty** and **Kathleen G. Putnam** propose the following Council members for re-election for additional three year terms: **Alice Doering**, **Betsy Gray**, **W. Bruce McConnel, 3rd** and **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.** In addition they will place in nomination for three year terms the following persons who are not currently members of Council:

Susan Armstrong has been vice-chair, co-chair and chair of the Flower Show Horticultural Classes and co-chair of the Harvest Show Herb Section. She's a member of the National Horticulture Committee of the Garden Club of America and a member and past president of West Chester Garden Club. Sue is a board officer and past treasurer of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America and a board member of the Upland Country Day School, and a member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Women's Committee, the Philadelphia Orchestra Committee and Admissions Committee of the Acorn Club.

W. Thacher Brown is President and Chief Executive Officer of 1838 Investment Advisors. Before attending the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he was associated with the Capital Management Department of Smith Barney. While at Wharton, he was employed part-time by Drexel Burnham Lambert Investment Advisors and began with the firm on a full-time basis in 1972. Thacher has served as chair of the Flower Show Preview Dinner and currently is a member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the Agnes Irwin School.

Anne S. Cunningham, a freelance garden writer and photographer, is vice-chair of the PHS Publications Committee and has served as circulation consultant for *Green Scene*. She has also served on the Publications and Library Committees of the Garden Club of America and is Program Chair of the Garden Club of Philadelphia. Anne will serve as vice-chair

of the Horticulture Passing Committee for the 1992 Philadelphia Flower Show. She has co-authored "Philadelphia With Children" and has served on the Women's Committee of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Walter Fisher, Jr. began a 30 year career with The Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania following his service as an Infantry First Lieutenant with the U.S. Army in Korea. With the divestiture of the Bell System in 1984, he transferred to AT&T where he remained as operations vice president until retirement in 1988. Walt began exhibiting in the Harvest Show in 1974 and in the Flower Show in 1980. He is currently a member of the Flower Show Executive Committee and a member of the Executive Volunteer Committee of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Cynwyd Tennis Club, The Athletic Congress and The Philadelphia Masters Track Association.

James C. Tabb joined the Rohm and Haas Company in 1957 and is now Director of Corporate Human Resources. Jim is on the Personnel Committees of PHS, Pennsylvania Hospital and the Philadelphia Presbytery. He is an elder of the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and board member of the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia. He is a Board Chairman of Eighteenth Street Development Corporation, a not-for-profit agency, which organizes volunteer home rehabs and repair in South Philadelphia.

Under the new by-laws of the Society adopted at the 1988 Annual Meeting, members now can vote either in person or by proxy. We hope that you can attend the meeting, but if you cannot, please clip out and return the proxy form. **WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THIS.** We may not have a quorum at the meeting unless enough proxies are returned.

Raul Betancourt, Secretary

PROXY FORM

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS, NOVEMBER 20, 1991

The undersigned hereby appoints Donald L. Felley, Jane G. Pepper and Raul Betancourt and each of them the true and lawful attorneys or attorney of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the annual meeting of the members of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, called to be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 20, 1991, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

All adult members of household should sign.

(Date)

PLEASE RETURN TO PHS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8, 1991

SPEAKERS LIST

PHS maintains a list of individuals who lecture to garden clubs and plant society groups. We are updating our list for 1992. If you would like to receive the speaker's questionnaire we use to compile our listing, contact **Peggy Grady**, PHS Library (625-8256) before October 15, 1991.

PLANT DIVIDEND (continued)

Please be sure to have your membership card ready when you arrive at the door so that you may select plants without delay.

The following is a partial list of what you may find:

Perennials:

Alstroemeria psittacina: red parrot lily hardy in our area; *astilbes*: dependable plants for shade; *Baptisia australis*: large, undemanding perennial with blue flowers; *Belamcanda chinensis*: black-berry lily; *Campanula carpatica* 'Blue Chips': good edging or wall plant; *Chrysogonum virginiana*: long blooming ground cover, yellow flowers; *Corydalis cheilanthifolia*: ferny leaf, yellow flower; *Geranium dalmaticum*: small pink hardy geranium for rock garden or front of border; *Hedysotis caerulea*: dainty "Quaker ladies" of early spring; *hemerocallis* hybrids, also *H. 'Hyperion'* and *H. 'Stella d'Oro'*; *Heuchera americana* 'Garnet': new introduction; *Hieracium waldsteinii*: for hot, dry sunny spot; hostas: shady garden; *Houttuynia cordata*

'Chameleon'; *Iris graminea*: small fragrant blue iris; *Iris setosa* 'nana': 10", compact, rock garden possibility; *Lilium* 'Jane Pepper'; *Monarda didyma* 'Cambridge Scarlet'; *Ophiopogon planiscapus* 'Nigrescens': dark, grass-like foliage; *Orostachys furusei*: good rock garden plant; *Phlox douglasii* 'Daniel's Cushion': good spring phlox with ever-green foliage; *Polygonatum humile*: tiny Solomon's Seal from the Orient; *Potentilla tridentata* 'Minima': handsome, compact white-flowered ground cover; *Salvia penstemooides*: rare Texas native with red flower; *Spigelia marilandica*: June blooming red/yellow flower for border; *Trillium grandiflorum*: grown in donor's garden, not collected from the wild; *Viola pedata*: dainty non-invasive violet.

Ferns

Arachniodes standishii: handsome Asian upside-down fern; *Athyrium goeringianum* 'Pictum': colorful Japanese painted fern; *Polystichum braunii*: Braun's holly fern native to northern regions of the US.

Houseplants

Begonias of several varieties: *Echeveria runyonii* x *affinis*: long blooming red-flowered succulent; orchids of several genera for greenhouse and windowsill; *Oxalis oregana*: popular 'clover leaf' type houseplant; *Strelitzia reginae*: Bird of Paradise; *Trichosporum aeshchynanthus pulcher*: good winter-flowering plant.

Shrubs

Camellia japonica: pink blooms on borderline hardy camellia; *Caryopteris* sp.: unique for blue color in August; *Cornus sericea* 'Silver and Gold': variegated leaves, recent introduction from a local garden; *Deutzia gracilis* 'Nikko': low growing, white flowers; *Euonymus japonica microphyllus*: miniature edging shrub; *Euonymus kiautschowicus* 'Manhattan': informal hedge shrub to 6'; *Ilex x meserveae* 'Mesgol': only yellow-berried blue holly available today; *Itea virginica* 'Henry's Garnet': known for fall color, spreading habit; *Rhododendron satsuki* hybrid: Gumpo azalea, compact plant with large flowers; *Rosa* 'Meiflopan': white Meidiland, long blooming and disease resistant; *Salix gracilistyla* sp.: early pussy willow.

Trees

Cornus kousa: oriental dogwood, less vulnerable to anthracnose problems; *Ilex* 'Doctor Kassab': to 35', use as specimen tree; *Styrax japonica*.

Vines

Clematis orientalis 'Bill McKenzie': orange sepals on unusual clematis; *Clematis tangutica*: yellow sepals; *Hedera helix* 'Buttercup': striking green and gold leaves.

Other Events

PLANT SALE

Members: Friday, October 4,
9 am-4:30 pm

Non-Members: Saturday, October 5,
9 am-4:30 pm

Henry Foundation for Botanical Research
801 Stony Lane
Gladwyne, PA 19035
For information: (215) 525-2037

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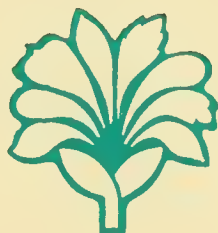
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PHS OFFERS NEW EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS AND EVENING PLANT CLINIC

Beginning in October, members will have two excellent reasons to visit PHS on Monday evenings. The Library will stay open until 7 pm and horticulturist, **Kathy Mills** will conduct a Plant Clinic between 5 and 7 pm. So, Monday evenings are your chance to catch up on your horticultural reading and bring your ailing plant in for a check-up.

Library hours Tuesday through Friday will remain 9 am to 5 pm.



SPECIAL SPACES: FLOWER ARRANGING SYMPOSIUM FOR THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Wednesday, October 30, 10 am
The Highlands, Ft. Washington

Join us for a special symposium on arranging for the Philadelphia Flower Show and learn the secrets of filling those special spaces. Chairs and advisors for all arrangement classes will be available for consultation. Speakers, who will show creative approaches and share methods, tricks, and helpful hints, are **Nancy Mundth** and **Jay Byrne** for rooms and tables; **Anne Hayes** and **Jim Hayden** for open and defined spaces; and **Sally Humphries** and **Carolyn Waite** for miniature niches.

This symposium offers a good opportunity to get your creative juices flowing, to solve problems with troubling mechanics, to clarify rules or guidelines, and to benefit from the experience of other arrangers.

For travel directions, call Marge Meer at PHS (215-625-8292).

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 5 pm

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Annual Meeting will be held to elect new Council members and to present 1991's distinguished awards. If you are unable to attend, please return completed Proxy Form below by November 8.

PROXY FORM

PLEASE RETURN

Deadline

November 8

THE PENNSYLVANIA
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS,
NOVEMBER 20, 1991

The undersigned hereby appoints Donald L. Felley, Jane G. Pepper and Raul Betancourt and each of them the true and lawful attorneys or attorney of said member, with full power of substitution to vote at the annual meeting of the members of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, called to be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 20, 1991, and at any adjournments thereof, with all the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present:

1. For the election of Council Members
2. For the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

(Date)

All adult PHS members in household should sign.

Please return to:

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Activities

LECTURE: IRISH GARDENS AND PLANTS

Thursday, October 3, 5:45-7:15 pm

Helen Dillon, one of Ireland's great gardeners, will talk about Irish gardens and their plants, emphasizing the importance of growing plants well and placing them to their advantage.

Helen Dillon's own garden on Sanford Road in Dublin has become a must-see for visiting horticulturists. Gardener, speaker, and writer, Mrs. Dillon co-edited *In an Irish Garden* with Sybil Connolly; she writes a weekly newspaper column and has written for *House and Garden* and other horticultural magazines.

Lecture will begin promptly at 5:45 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$7 members; \$9 guests

The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

Friday, October 4, 10 am-noon

Peoples Light and Theater, Malvern

Fall is for planting, and it's also the best time to give flower beds a hard, critical look and to make decisions for next year. Now plants can be moved, divided, discarded, as well as planted. Go through this process with **Jane Lennon**, perennial specialist from Cherrymont Nursery, as she demonstrates and discusses what can be accomplished this fall in anticipation of an improved garden next year.

Travel directions will be mailed in late September.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

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Activities

LECTURE: THE WORLD IS MY GARDEN **Tuesday, October 8, 5:45-7:15 pm**

Famous British horticulturist **Roy Lancaster** will take us on a "journey" around the world to examine garden plants, where they come from, and how we use them in our gardens today. He'll consider plants that are familiar and others less so, and tell the fascinating story behind each one.

The program will begin promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm

CHANTICLEER STROLL IN WAYNE **Wednesday, October 16, 10 am-noon**

Chris Woods, executive director, will lead PHS members and guests on an autumn walk through Chanticleer, a private foundation in Wayne. The tour will focus on seasonal color and fall-fruiting or blooming plants.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$5 members; \$7 guests

WORKSHOP: DRIED FLOWERS — A HARVEST OF FLORAL DESIGN POSSIBILITIES

Friday, October 18, 10 am-1 pm

This flower arranging workshop offers fresh ideas on "drieds" for gardeners or gleaners. **Priscilla-Gene Shaffer** will discuss methods of drying and preserving homegrown and gathered materials, the purchase of commercially prepared "drieds" and their availability for year-round designing enjoyment, storage, arranging mechanics, design possibilities and display.

Fee of \$39 for members and \$42 for guests includes container, mechanics, and dried plants. Registrants should bring clippers, scissors, wire cutters, and a box to transport finished project.

Priscilla-Gene Shaffer teaches flower shop management at Temple University, Ambler, and runs her own floral design business.

Program limited to 15.

WORKSHOP: PLANTING BULBS **Saturday, October 19, 10 am-1 pm**

Bulb specialist **Brent Heath** will convince you that planting bulbs is an easy, creative, pleasurable experience when you have the right tools used in the correct manner. Heath will conduct an infor-

mal, practical hands-on workshop at the Azalea Garden, where he'll demonstrate techniques for bulb planting. Discussion topics will include nutrition, bedding, naturalizing, tools, interplanting, and ways to create dramatic rivers of bulbs.

Using Heath's team method, participants will plant bulbs at the Azalea Garden on Kelly Drive next to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Brent Heath, a third-generation bulb grower, owns The Daffodil Mart, a wholesale/retail mail order business in Gloucester, Virginia.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

GROUND COVERS FOR CONNOISSEURS

Monday, October 21, 10 am-noon
Cherrymont Nursery, Morgantown

Forget the hackneyed five and look at a broad range of ground cover plants to blanket your garden with colors, textures, flowers, and perfume. Join **Jane Lennon** at her nursery in Morgantown to see established plantings and to discuss use, planting, and maintenance techniques of ground covers for sun, shade, wet, dry, large, and small areas at Cherrymont Nursery.

Travel directions will be mailed in early October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: \$12 members; \$14 guests

AT-HOME-SERIES: ARRANGING WITH FOLIAGE

Friday, October 25, 10 am-noon
Malvern

Joanna Reed of Longview Farm will create informal arrangements for the home using foliage from her garden. Joanna will show interesting and appealing effects that can be achieved without flowers by combining colors, textures, forms and berries/fruits available in autumn gardens. The focus of this program is making the most of nature's bounty; formal principles of arranging will not be taught.

Travel directions will be mailed in mid-October. Participants must provide own transportation.

Fee: members \$13; guests \$15

Limited to one guest per member.

TREE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, October 26, 8:30 am-3 pm
Lang Music Center, Swarthmore

Alex Shigo, internationally famous authority on tree care, will be guest lecturer for a full-day program promoting tree health. Designed for professionals and home gardeners, the symposium will focus on careful site selection, planting and pruning techniques, routine maintenance, pest management and diseases.

The symposium is jointly sponsored by Bryn Mawr College, Chanticleer Foundation, International Society of Arboriculture, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College.

Fee of \$40 includes program, lunch, and tour.

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT

Wednesday, October 30, 10 am-noon

Walter Fisher, Flower Show Executive Committee member and perennial winner in Flower Show bulb classes, will teach all the essentials of forcing including methods of attaining full, robust pots of bloom, mechanics of planting, forcing timetables, tips on grooming and exhibition, cold storage techniques, and best varieties for forcing.

Each participant will plant two 8" clay pots using a tulip and a narcissus suitable for entry in the 1992 Philadelphia Flower Show novice classes.

All materials will be provided. Limited to 20 participants.

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Azalea Garden Almanack

Bring your folding chair, blanket and lots of friends as we ring in the fall season on October 27 with — Gay Nineties, An Autumn Afternoon in the Park.

Friends of the Azalea Garden have been mighty busy throughout the summer sprucing up the garden during Saturday clean-up days. Thanks to the Friends group, to Heyser Landscaping, and to our friends from the Fairmount Park Commission, the Garden is in great shape.

On Sunday, October 27 from 1-3 pm, a Gay Nineties celebration in the Azalea Garden will kick-off a new year of fundraising and membership

promotion so we can continue replanting trees to replace the aging sycamores along the perimeter of the Garden (see Buy a Tree program in box). Children's bulb planting projects, a barbershop quartet, hot cider, popcorn and activities geared to family members of all ages set the stage for a great after-

noon in the Park. Friends are invited free of charge, guests are encouraged to make a donation. For more information call Kate Swartz at (215) 625-8280 ext. 30.

Our continued thanks to **The Four Seasons Hotel** for its generosity and support. The Four Seasons supplies the Friends Committee with several Tea For Two afternoons, which are raffled off each clean-up day.

If you would like to join the Friends one day each month to prune, weed, or plant, or, if you would like to participate in one of the Friends' committees, please check the appropriate box below. If you'd prefer to participate from afar, we'd be delighted with your donation toward the Garden's maintenance fund.

BUY A TREE

Replanting the ring of trees around the perimeter of the Azalea Garden is an ambitious task and we need your help to do it. Your donation of \$500 will purchase one tree. If you would like to help us with the tree fund, please send your check to PHS c/o Jane Pepper, President.

I am interested in contributing:

Time to:

- ☐ help plant additional perennial and bulb beds
- ☐ weed and prune on Garden Days—
**upcoming Garden Days are October 19 (10-1),
November 23 and December 14 from 9-12**
- ☐ join a Friends committee

Money to:

- ☐ buy a tree
- ☐ contribute to the Garden's ongoing maintenance fund

Enclosed is my donation for _____
(payable to PHS/F.O.A.G.).

Name _____ Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

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UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS HELP GARDENS GROW

We invite you to make a contribution to the Society's greening program, Philadelphia Green, through the United Way Donor Option Program.

United Way funds help us continue to provide technical assistance, educational programs and gardening supplies to more than 700 community groups throughout Philadelphia.

If you would like to make a contribution, please include our reference number 06197 on your Donor Option Card.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING ALERT FLOWER SHOW TICKETS ON SALE NOW

From gift-giving to gift-getting, **Philadelphia Flower Show** tickets are a sure bet for that hard to buy for client, employee, relative or friend. And, they're on sale now at PHS for the reduced group rate of \$9.75 for adults; \$5.25 for children under 12. To make your shopping easier, you can order any number of tickets through the mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check or money order and number of tickets to PHS, c/o Advance Sale.

The 1992 Philadelphia Flower Show will be held March 8-15. The theme, Horizons for Discovery, will celebrate gardening styles across America. Watch for additional Show details in upcoming issues of the *News*.

PHS PRESIDENT NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

For more than ten years, **Jane Pepper** has provided the Society with a strong vision and determined leadership. The PENNJERDEL Council will recognize Jane's contributions and those of the Society to the economic health of the Delaware Valley region when it presents Jane with its Citizen of the Year Award in a ceremony to be held at the Council's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, Tuesday, November 26 at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza.

In announcing the Award, PENNJERDEL Council chairman, Thomas M. Collins, cited Ms. Pepper for her direction of the annual Philadelphia Flower Show and for the Society's important role in improving neighborhoods and downtown areas through Philadelphia Green and Center City Green.

For invitations to the luncheon or more information, please call Gretchen Toner at 215-972-3949.

HARVEST SHOW GLOW LINGERS ON

The 1991 Harvest Show had all the snap of freshly pressed cider and a flavor to match.

From the broom-maker to the hand weavers, the cabbage heads to the radishes, the Horticulture Center and surrounding grounds bulged with freshly picked vegetables, flowers and fruits, exquisite floral arrangements, mouth-watering preserved products and baked goods and an entirely entertaining, educational line-up of activities, demonstrations and exhibits. **Ann Benzel**, chair of the 1991 Show, summed the weekend up by saying, "We had a great time, didn't we!"

A great time indeed. More than 5,500 visitors attended this year's event and enjoyed entries made by more than 450 exhibitors. The very best of this year's winning entries are listed below:

PHS AWARDS

The Certificate of Excellence was awarded to **Scott Arboretum** of
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Gifts to Grow On

What better way to celebrate the holidays than by giving a friend a year's membership in PHS. This year round pleasure provides a free plant, subscriptions to the award-winning *Green Scene* magazine and *PHS News*, a free ticket to the Philadelphia Flower Show and the Harvest Show, as well as advance notice on workshops, trips and many other activities.

Individual Price - \$40

Send gift membership to:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Amount of check enclosed: _____

Family price - \$55 (entitles you to three Show Tickets)

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DEMONSTRATION: DECORATING IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, December 4

10 am-12:30 pm

Get an early start on holiday spirit and preparations with **Audrey Nichols**, who will inspire you to do something creative and different as you decorate your home this season. Audrey will discuss unusual containers, selecting flowers and other materials and how to put them together for a unique and beautiful holiday effect. Audrey will create arrangements for mantles, side

tables, and dining tables. The door prize, a dining table centerpiece, may be yours!

Fee: \$16 members; \$19 guests

WORKSHOP: TABLETOP TOPIARIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, December 10, 10am-noon

Interesting foliage combinations make these little trees stand out as tabletop decorations or holiday gifts. Individuality is achieved through your selection of fresh greens and berries, and the frame can be re-used for many years.

PHS staffers **Peggy Grady** and **Carol Lindemann** will lead you through steps to create your own tabletop topiary for the holidays. Participants should bring hand pruners/clippers, scissors, and a small box to transport a 5" clay pot. All fresh greens, berries, and other materials will be provided.

Peggy Grady is assistant librarian/horticulturist and Carol Lindemann is PHS administrative assistant.

Fee: \$33 members; \$37 guests

FIELD TRIP: NATIONAL CATHEDRAL AND HILLWOOD

Washington, D.C

Wednesday, December 11, 7am-7pm

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will have a guided tour of Washington's National Cathedral, dedicated last September after 83 years under construction. This Gothic masterpiece, also known as the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, was chartered by Congress in 1893.

In Georgetown, you'll have time to shop or lunch on your own before a 1:30 p.m. tour of Hillwood, former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelains, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th-century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, tea, and all entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pick-ups in

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Members \$55___Guests \$60___

Pick up: Hort Center___ CC___

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Please send itinerary for Australia/New Zealand Trip.

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New in the Library

A celebration of roses,
Trevor Griffiths, 1990.

The gardens of Russell Page,
Gabrielle Van Zuylen, 1991.

Gentians, Fritz Kohlein, 1991.

Hosta: the flowering foliage
plant, Diana Grenfell, 1990.

Modern arboriculture,
Alex L. Shigo, 1991.

Narcissus,

Michael Jefferson Brown, 1991.

Perennials: toward continuous
bloom, Ann Lovejoy, 1991.

The slipper orchids,
Catherine Cash, 1991.

Terence Conran's garden style,
Terence Conran, 1991.

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND 1992

Circle your calendar and save your pennies for a fascinating PHS three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand in early November 1992. We'll spend about a week in Australia from Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef to Sidney and Melbourne, sampling private and public gardens and cultural and scenic sights typical of Australia. In New Zealand we'll visit the North and South Islands, including Queenstown, Dunedin, Christ Church, Auckland and Roto Rua.

Itineraries will be ready in early January. To receive your copy, kindly check the appropriate box on the reservation form.



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Pepperpot

Many of us lost a good friend in late September when **Jim McCarvill** died. After a long career at RCA, Ernesta Ballard hired Jim as manager of the Philadelphia Flower Show in 1966, shortly after the Society assumed management of the Show from Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc.

When I came to PHS, Jim was near to retirement and both Ed Lindemann and I had the pleasure of working closely with him on his last Show in 1980.

Working with Jim was fun and a good learning experience for the younger members of the team. He always had a laugh to cheer us up in tight moments, and the list of thoughts Ernesta asked him to develop before he left is still in our files.

One of the pleasures of working with Jim on the Flower Show was the opportunity also to work with other members of his family. His wife Peg started to handle our advance ticket sales in the early 70's and when she retired in the mid-80's she was sorely missed by all her "regulars" - representatives from bus and tour companies who looked forward to her January call to remind them to place their order for a fabulous spring preview.

Later, we ran into Jim, Jr. when he ran our contract with United Exposition for the installation of draping, signs and other background items at the Civic Center. In the late 80's we were so pleased when Jim, Jr. joined the Spectacor team that manages the Civic Center, and just delighted when they named him General Manager of the facility in time for the '91 Show.

There's many wonderful things about the Philadelphia Flower Show, but one of the most special is the volunteers and staff who work on it. Jim, we'll miss that Irish smile and the stories from the old days, but thanks for leaving us with so many good thoughts.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

HARVEST SHOW AWARDS (Continued from page one)

Swarthmore College, **Pennsylvania Bonsai Society**, and **William and Mary Coppens**, for their educational displays. The PHS Gardener's Sweepstakes was awarded to **Sue Leary** of Collingswood, NJ with 17 blue ribbons.

The Community Garden Sweepstakes Certificate went to **Southwark-Queen Village**, 3rd & Christian Streets and **Aspen Farm**, West Philadelphia. The PHS Club Sweepstakes was won by **Berwyn Garden Club** and the **Tamanend Park Herb Gardening Club**.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Robin and Mabel Engle of Columbus, NJ won the Creativity Award and the Tricolor Award was captured by **James and Amanda Hayden**.

The Award of Horticultural Excellence went to **Joan B. Johnson** of West Chester. Joan was also the recipient of the Award of Merit for her Celosia. The Arboreal Award was won by **Bancroft #73 of Haddonfield, NJ** and the Educational Award was presented to **Jane S. Henley** for her display "Story of One Drop of Water". Junior Achievement Awards were given to **William Kortney Brown**, **Edward Geiger** and **Stephen DiBona**.

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Educational and Conservation Award was presented to **Penn State**

Cooperative Extension for their educational display "Managing Household Waste".

PHILADELPHIA AREA JUDGES COUNCIL AWARD

James and Amanda Hayden won the Katherine Littlewood Reiger Memorial Trophy for their outstanding blue ribbon entry in the Design Section.

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EDUCATION IS KEY TO THE FUTURE OF GREENING IN PHILADELPHIA

With more than 400 gardening projects completed during the past year and nearly 700 more on our waiting lists, PHS's Philadelphia Green Program is bursting with enthusiasm and interest from the participating communities.

In addition to our many development activities, we've expanded the Philadelphia Green Education Department. A team of seven staff members have organized a comprehensive program to conduct neighborhood resource-training in an effort to encourage self-reliance in the community. As part of this effort, successful plant sales were conducted in **Francisville** and **Point Breeze** this spring and helped generate funds for neighborhood greening; fencing, brickwork and paving workshops were held and neighborhood leaders made presentations to other communities interested in becoming involved in greening. In **Norris Square** and **Strawberry Mansion**, two new Greene Countrie Townes under construction, education is integrated with site development in the form of garden planning and management workshops. In 25 public housing sites across the City, residents are planting the seeds of tomorrow by rallying around greening improvements and maintenance. **Morton Homes** in Germantown, under development for one year, was recently presented an award by the federal government for their initiatives with self-help. **Wilson Park** and **Emlen Arms** residents, with their large population of senior citizens, tailored their gardening projects to the creation of raised beds and in North Philadelphia's **Johnson Homes**, a large vegetable garden and extensive maintenance work helped round out

preparations for their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Everywhere in Philadelphia, the interest and enthusiasm for trees has grown. The Tree Program staff worked with hundreds of neighbors this year throughout the City to plant 450 street trees on carefully selected sites. By linking up the street tree blocks with other greening projects in the neighborhood, the greening impact throughout the community is significant.

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Tree education efforts focused also on children and the general public with visits to 23 City schools to conduct tree awareness assemblies and planting workshops and a successful Arbor Day celebration in Rittenhouse Square.

The Center City Green Program, widely known for its restoration of the Azalea Garden and 26th Street Gateway Project, embarked on a door-to-door campaign among Center City residents to survey the condition and scope of the City's tree population. Working with the Center City Resident's Association (CCRA) volunteers, which included students, landscape architects and residents, the staff conducted a pilot tree inventory, a series of tree maintenance workshops and a tree survey, which is forming the groundwork for a comprehensive computer database. More than 2200 tree locations and as many as 55,000 entries were typed into the computer to document tree conditions, maintenance

PHS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 24, 25, 31
January 1

PLANT CLINIC CLOSED FOR DECEMBER VISIT THE CLINIC ON MONDAY EVENINGS IN JANUARY 5 - 7PM

priorities and street characteristics. An analysis of this data provided the plan for pilot planting projects carried out this fall and to be continued next spring.

Cooperative ventures such as the one with CCRA and community groups are vitally important to the continued success of PHS's community outreach. The Society works with thousands of volunteers on an exciting range of projects from the City Gardens Contest to planting ribbons of gold in City neighborhoods and gateways. If you would like to get involved please call or write to us at the Society, c/o Philadelphia Green.

The final sharing among all of those involved in our programs, comes from our generous sponsors, benefactors and contributors. Grateful thanks to **The City of Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development** and its **Department of Licenses and Inspection**, **Flower Show, Inc.**, **Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust**, **The William Penn Foundation**, **The Pew Charitable Trusts**, **Philadelphia Housing Authority**, **Sun Company, Inc.**, to you, our members, and to all of those who contribute to the goal of greening the City through the education and involvement of its citizens in horticulture.

Activities

DEMONSTRATION: DECORATING IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS **Wednesday, December 4** **10 am-12:30 pm**

Get an early start on holiday spirit and preparations with **Audrey Nichols**, who will inspire you to do something creative and different as you decorate your home this season. Audrey will discuss unusual containers, selecting flowers and other materials and how to put them together for a unique and beautiful holiday effect. Audrey will create arrangements for mantles, side tables, and dining tables. The door prize, a dining table centerpiece, may be yours!

Fee: \$16 members; \$19 guests

WORKSHOP: TABLETOP TOPIARIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS **Tuesday, December 10, 10am-noon**

Interesting foliage combinations make these little trees stand out as tabletop decorations or holiday gifts. Individuality is achieved through your selection of fresh greens and berries, and the frame can be re-used for many years.

PHS staffers **Peggy Grady** and **Carol Lindemann** will lead you through steps to create your own tabletop topiary for the holidays. Participants should bring hand pruners/clippers, scissors, and a small box to transport a 5" clay pot. All fresh greens, berries, and other materials will be provided.

Peggy Grady is assistant librarian/horticulturist and Carol Lindemann is PHS administrative assistant.

Fee: \$33 members; \$37 guests

FIELD TRIP: **NATIONAL CATHEDRAL** **AND HILLWOOD** **Washington, D.C.**

Wednesday, December 11, 7am-7pm

Twenty-five PHS members and guests will have a guided tour of Washington's National Cathedral, dedicated last September after 83 years under construction. This Gothic masterpiece, also known as the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, was chartered by Congress in 1893.

In Georgetown, you'll have time to shop or lunch on your own before a 1:30 p.m. tour of Hillwood, former

home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, whose Russian collection is the most representative outside the Soviet Union. On display are extraordinary pieces by some of Europe's foremost artists, cabinetmakers, silver and goldsmiths, plus Faberge eggs, porcelain, icons, Beauvais tapestries, and 18th-century French furniture.

Fee includes round-trip transportation, refreshments on the bus, tea, entrance and guide fees.

Information about bus pick-ups in Center City and at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be mailed in late November.

Fee: \$55 members; \$60 guests

DESIGN WORKSHOP: **SEQUENCE OF BLOOM (SUN)** **Fridays, January 10 & 17, 10am-1pm** **Snowdate: Friday, January 24**

Landscape designer **Kath Duckett**, known for her bountiful perennial borders, will show PHS members how to achieve variety, color, and change in a sunny location. Appropriate for owners of established or new gardens, these sessions will focus on using long-season mainstay perennials as the backbone of the garden and supplemented with self-seeding annuals, bulbs, and other bountiful plants.

Participants will work on their own plans for a sunny garden and will be assigned homework for each session.

Fee for both sessions: \$49 members; \$53 guests

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: **ORNAMENTAL EVERGREENS** **Saturday, January 11** **9:30 am - 12:30 pm** **Snowdate: January 18** **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Alan P. Slack, experienced propagator and PHS Council member, will teach how to propagate smaller evergreens and dwarf conifers. Discussions will include varieties, culture and the many uses of evergreens, from accents in the landscape to container-grown patio decorations.

Participants will propagate some rarer forms of evergreens. All materials will be provided.

Fee: \$28 members; \$30 guests

FLOWERS IN STITCHES **Longview Farm, Malvern** **Wednesdays, January 15 & 29** **10 am - 1 pm**

Snowdates: January 21 & 30

Joanna Reed, noted gardener and arranger, has designed a two-session course on horticultural embroidery for those who want to bring their real or fanciful gardens and plants into the home. In the first session, Joanna will show how to design and transfer patterns to fabric and discuss the intricacies of horticultural design for embroidery. Discussions will also include selection of wool/threads and fabric, needles, supply sources and reference books.

During the second session, Joanna will help participants get started with a small portable project of their own design and will discuss techniques and stitches that are not commonly used.

Joanna Reed's embroidery has appeared in many stitchery magazines and was the cover story for *Green Scene*, January 1987.

Fee of \$42 for members and \$46 for guests includes program and a light lunch each session. Travel directions and "homework" will be mailed in late December.

LECTURE: JEFFERSON & ADAMS, ENGLISH GARDEN TOURISTS

Thursday, January 16, 5:45 pm

Garden historian **Barbara O'Brien** returns to PHS with an interesting tale of two future Presidents of the United States who wandered among the estates of the British aristocracy three years after the Revolutionary War. Each man kept a diary and both carried the same garden book. Jefferson's notebook contained scientific information for use at Monticello, and Adams talked to gardeners about democracy.

Using slides, Barbara O'Brien traces the week-long trip of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams through the English countryside.

Program begins promptly at 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: ORNAMENTAL GRASSES IN THE LANDSCAPE
Wednesday, January 22, 5:45 pm
Rick Darke, Curator of Plants at Longwood Gardens, will talk about ornamental grasses, their history in American gardens, and ways to use them in the home landscape. Sprinkled

throughout his talk will be information on plant selection, containment, culture, and recent introductions. Rick, who is responsible for the ornamental grass area in Longwood's Idea Garden, has authored a booklet on grasses and lectured on this topic for seven years.

Program will begin promptly at, 5:45pm followed by wine and nibbles.
Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests
Note: The Library will be open until 5:45 pm this evening.

LECTURE: GARDENS AND PLANTS OF NEW ZEALAND
Tuesday, January 28, 5:45 pm

Everything seems to grow well in New Zealand - from remarkable native flora to South African plants New Zealand growers have popularized. Elizabeth Scholtz, horticulturist and Director Emeritus of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, will show us the appeal of horticultural New Zealand as she discusses their gardens and plants.

Betty Scholtz will demonstrate with slides, the strong British influence in garden design and discuss the ideal growing conditions produced by superlative soil, excellent light, and agreeable temperatures.

PHS is planning a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand in November 1992. For more information, see page 4.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests
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Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed: unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

Refunds and cancellations:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

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MAIL MISHAP

A full tray of misplaced mail was found at Southeastern Pennsylvania Post Office in late October. Imagine our dismay when we were informed that the tray contained Harvest Show tickets for some of our members.

Timely mail delivery is important to us and we thank those members who take time to report mail irregularities. We will continue to press branch post offices for better service.

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Pepperpot

Join me for a spring tour to Holland and England, **May 10-20, 1992**. Floriade, Holland's once-a-decade international flower show, was the inspiration for a spring trip to Europe. Then Ed Lindemann, Philadelphia Flower Show Designer and I decided we should include the Royal Horticultural Society's spectacle, the Chelsea Flower Show in the itinerary.

We'll spend five nights in Amsterdam and in addition to Floriade, we'll visit the giant flower market at Aalsmeer and the beautiful bulb plantings at Keukenhof. Before leaving for London, we'll spend a couple of days visiting private gardens in eastern Holland.

Ed and I will be with the tour throughout. In Holland, a Dutch guide will join us and in London, Connie Biddle Haydon, a Philadelphian now living in London, has arranged private visits for us to gardens in Hampshire as well as small gardens in London. We'll attend Chelsea's Royal Gala Preview on Monday, May 18th and travellers will have the option of visiting the Show the following day or spending a day on their own before returning to Philadelphia on May 20th.

Jane G. Pepper
President

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND 1992

Circle your calendar and save your pennies for a fascinating PHS three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand in early November 1992. We'll spend about a week in Australia travelling from Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef to Sidney and Melbourne, sampling private and public gardens and cultural and scenic sights typical of Australia. In New Zealand we'll visit the North and South Islands, including Queenstown, Dunedin, Christ Church, Auckland and Roto Rua.

Itineraries will be ready in early January. To receive your copy, kindly check the appropriate box on the reservation form.

RAY ROGERS IS A WINNER

The November *PHS News* incorrectly listed the winner of the Award of Horticultural Excellence in the Harvest Show. Ray Rogers of Germantown won the Award for his sweet potato plant. Ray also won the 1991 Philadelphia Flower Show Horticultural Sweepstakes Award, which was omitted from the 1991 Yearbook. Congratulations Ray!

WELL PLANNED GARDENS: A Contest For Creative Home Garden Designs

Enter PHS's new contest and show off your garden. If you have a vegetable, flower or sitting garden that you are proud of, or deck or patio plantings you want to show off, this is the perfect way to share your landscaping victory with gardening friends. Prizes will be awarded in professional and amateur divisions. Entries will be judged on design, intent and presentation. Grand Prize is a cold frame provided by the Kinsman Company of Point Pleasant, PA.

Entry deadline is **May 14, 1993**. So during the 1992 growing season, plan your garden, plant your garden and take plenty of photographs. Winning entries will be on exhibit at PHS from June 4 through September 4, 1993. Write or call PHS/Contest, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19106 for full details.

New in the Library

The beekeeper's garden,
Ted Hooper, 1988.

The book of garden design,
John Brookes, 1991.

Clematis: the queen of climbers,
Jim Fisk, 1991.

*The complete guide to using color in
your garden*, David Squire, 1991.

*Martha Stewart's gardening, month
by month*, Martha Stewart, 1991.

*Native shrubs and woody vines of the
Southeast*, Leonard Foote, 1989.

Private gardens of Australia,
Darah Guest, 1990.

Residential landscape architecture,
Norman K. Booth, 1991.

HOTLINE CLOSED IN DECEMBER

The PHS hotline will resume in
**January; Monday through Friday,
9:30 am to 12:30pm**

LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS FOR HIRE

PHS is updating its list of Landscape Design consultants for 1992. If you would like to be added to the list, please call Janet Evans, PHS Librarian, at (215)625-8261 to request a questionnaire. All requests must be made by January 15, 1992.

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